

Miami, Florida,  
January 26, 1937.

I, Joseph Roscoe, of Toledo, Ohio, make the following full and voluntary statement to S. E. McKee and E. J. Wynn, whom I understand to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. I want it expressly understood that this statement is given of my own free will, voluntarily, without promise of reward or fear of punishment.

I have just viewed a photograph, which is marked "1829 Hammond, Indiana, 11-16-33". I identify this as being a photograph of a man whom I know by the name of Willie Harrison. I met him twelve or fifteen years ago at Toledo, Ohio.

I have just viewed several photographs and am told that they are photographs of Alvin Karpis; and have likewise viewed a photograph I am told is that of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker; a photograph which I am told is that of Fred Barker; a photograph I am told is that of Harry Campbell; a photograph which I am told is that of Charles J. Fitzgerald; a photograph that I am told is that of Fred Hunter; a photograph which I am told is that of James J. Wilson; a photograph which I am told is that of Oliver Berg; a photograph I am told is that of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman; a photograph I am told is that of Edward McGraw; a photograph which I am told is that of Lucien C. Fleming; a photograph which I am told is that of Sam Coker; a photograph which I am told is that of James "Shimmy" Patton; a photograph which I am told is that of Arthur Hebebrand; a photograph which I am told is that of Wynona Burdette; a photograph which I am told is that of Russell Gibson; and a photograph which I am told is that of Benson Groves. In this statement I shall refer to these people later on.

Sometime in about the spring of 1934 I was at the Casino Club, on Summit Street in Point Place, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, the Casino Club being operated by brothers, Bert and Ted Angus. The premises which were occupied by the Casino Club at that time were owned by my mother-in-law. I attended to the renting of the place and the collection of the rents, and the general upkeep of the property. On this occasion I speak of Willie Harrison was in the Casino Club and he was accompanied by four men and he introduced me to these men and, as I recall, one of the men was called "Buff", whom I identify from photograph as being Harry Campbell, and whom I later learned of my own

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knowledge to be Harry Campbell. Another fellow he introduced under the name of Wilson, whom I identify from photograph as being James J. Wilson. Another man he introduced me to he called the "Jew", and I have identified the photograph of Oliver Berg as being identical with the party known as the "Jew". The fourth man he introduced me to under the name of "Big Slim", and I identify the photograph of Russell Gibson as being identical with this individual.

During this time of the year I visited my boat house at Bay View, located a short distance from the Casino Club, on an average of three or four times a week to look after my Liberty motor speed boat "The Rainbow", and on such occasions would generally visit the Casino Club - on some occasions to have a drink and on other occasions to see about the property. During these visits shortly after I met the four men mentioned above I was introduced, or met, a man known as "Doc", whose photograph I identify as being that of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker; a man known as Fred, whose photograph I identify as being that of Fred Barker; a woman by the name of Wynona, who was Buff's girl, and whose photograph I identify as being that of Wynona Burdette. I also met "Old Charlie", whose right name I know to be Charlie Fitzgerald, and whose photograph I have identified as above set out.

Often when I went to the Casino Club in the afternoon I would see these people there, sometimes in groups of two or three and sometimes in larger numbers, and Bert Angus would generally be there inasmuch as it was his custom to be in the Casino Club in the afternoons.

Shortly after I made the acquaintance of the aforementioned group at the Casino Club Willie Harrison told me they were the hottest mob in the country, and I recall that Bert Angus also told me that they were the hottest gang in the country. I did not ask any questions, but around this time I read in the Toledo newspapers and in several detective magazines, the names of which I cannot at this time recall, about the Bremer kidnaping, and in these various articles I read I saw and identified the photographs of Karpis, Campbell, "Big Slim", "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, and from what Bert Angus and Willie Harrison told me, and from what I read in these newspaper accounts, and from the actions of this mob, I definitely knew they were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping and being sought by the United States Government for that offense.

On occasions at the Casino Club, at which times I recall specifically that Bert Angus was there, in the summer and fall of 1934, I saw Harry Campbell, who was generally known as "Buff", carry an automatic pistol in his belt, and I saw Russell Gibson, who was generally called "Big Slim", with two revolvers, and I recall that on one occasion I saw Alvin Karpis sitting in a car at the Casino Club with an automatic pistol lying in the seat beside him.

During the summer of 1934 Buff and Big Slim were desirous of purchasing a motor boat, and I recall on one occasion I had them in my Liberty motor speed boat, "The Rainbow". I also recall that Ted Angus told me that they were interested in purchasing his speed boat "The Haybag".

During the summer and fall of 1934 I very frequently received telephone calls from the Casino Club at my place of business, the Jovial Club, requesting me to go to the Casino Club, and on these occasions I would meet various members of this group, such as Big Slim, Alvin Karpis, who was known generally as "Slim", Harry Campbell, known as Buff, Willie Harrison, known as Willie, Arthur R. Barker, known as "Doc", who was generally there with Big Slim, Fred Barker, known generally as Fred, Jimmie Wilson, who was generally known as Jimmie, Oliver Berg, who was known as the "Jew", and sometimes old Charlie would be there. A woman whom I knew as Buff's wife, Wynona Burdette, would also be there, as well as several other women whom I do not remember.

I recall that on some of these visits the various people mentioned would ask me about the police officers in Canada and indicated that they were thinking of going to Canada, but I told them the police there were tough and to stay away from there.

Big Slim borrowed \$200.00 from me at the Casino Club sometime in the summer or fall of 1934, and on another occasion he came to the Jovial Club and called me out and borrowed \$500.00 from me. I recall that sometime after that in 1934, about Christmas time, Big Slim came to my house at 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the morning and said that he had to have \$2500.00. He was alone at this time. I explained to him that I did not have the money but would meet him the next day at the Jovial Club. However, the next night Big Slim came out to my house at about 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock and insisted that I get him the money, and as a result I got into his automobile at that hour of the morning and we drove to Bay View Park, near the Casino Club, and waited until about 9:00 A.M. when the bank opened, and drove to the Ohio

Savings Bank in Toledo, where I obtained \$2500.00 out of a safety deposit box and gave it to him. I never saw him any more thereafter, but do recall reading a short time thereafter about his having been killed by Federal Agents in Chicago. At the time that Big Slim demanded this money from me I protested that I did not have it available but he stated that he knew I was worth \$100,000.00 and had the money, and he told me that I had heard about men being found in ditches around Chicago.

Slim, who is Alvin Karpis, I recall borrowed \$1,000.00 from me sometime in the fall of 1934 at Edith Barry's house of prostitution on Southard Street in Toledo, Ohio, and I recall that thereafter Karpis over a period of time, in amounts of \$100 or \$200.00 at a time, borrowed quite a bit of money from him, but I do not have an accurate record at this time.

I recall that Buff during cold weather and shortly after I read in the newspapers about Big Slim being killed, borrowed \$500 from me at Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of buying an automobile. Fred Hunter came to the Jovial Club and got me and I went with him and met Buff in front of the Empire Apartments at 14th and Jackson Streets and gave him the money. Sometime in the Fall of the Year 1935, he paid the money back to me at Toledo, Ohio, I think it may have been at McGraw's.

As I have said I do not at the present time have any record of the money I loaned to the various individuals named in this statement, but I do recall that sometime ago I figured up that the whole outfit owed me in the neighborhood of \$9,000.00.

During the Spring and Fall, as well as in the year 1935, I met at Edith Barry's place, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Sharkey, Willie Harrison and Charles J. Fitzgerald. I think I saw Harry Campbell at her place once in the summer of 1935. Generally when I would see them there I would go to the place as a result of a telephone call and I recall once Frank Greenwald, who is a taxi operator and generally known as "Greeny", came to the Jovial Club and had me go to Edith Barry's place. Generally when I would go there to meet some of these men they wanted to borrow money.

I recall that in the Fall of 1934 at Toledo, Ohio, either Willie Harrison or Big Slim came to the Jovial Club and told me to go to the Casino Club, and when I went there I met Buff who was reading a newspaper in which there was an article about an unidentified man who had been found



dead on the outskirts of Toledo. I recall that Harry Campbell pointed his finger to the article and said, "That's the son of a bitch". I did not know what he was referring to at that time but during the summer of 1936, I recall reading in the Toledo newspapers about a search which was to be made of Middle Island, of which I own 2/3, for the body of Doctor Moran. I recall that the newspaper articles stated that he was supposed to have operated on the fingerprints of some members of the Barker-Karpis gang in Toledo. Then I recalled that I had seen Fred Barker at the Casino Club in the Spring of 1934 with his fingers wrapped up. As I recalled all this it occurred to me that Harry Campbell on the occasion he referred to the newspaper article as mentioned above, was referring to Doctor Moran, although he never said so at that time.

I recall that sometime in the Spring of 1935 I went up to Ed and Clara McGraw's place on Adams Street in Toledo, Ohio, and there I saw Harry Campbell. Ed McGraw opened the door and I sat around the front room with Campbell and some other man he had there with him but I do not now know who that was. On another occasion shortly after that I visited McGraw's place and Karpis was there with Harry Campbell in the apartment and we just sat around and talked.

I recall that in the late Fall of 1935, I had a speed boat engine at the Marine Garage of John Zetzer at Port Clinton, Ohio, and that while this motor was there I received a telephone call from John Zetzer, I at the time, being at the Jovial Club in Toledo, Ohio. John Zetzer requested me to come over to see him about the work he was to do on the motor at 8:00 PM that night and so I drove from Toledo, Ohio, to Port Clinton, Ohio, arriving at Zetzer's Marine Garage about 8:00 PM. John Zetzer opened the door and I walked in and the light in the office was lit. The stove was also throwing out some light as it was red hot. Around the stove I saw Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Benson Groves, Fred Hunter and another man whom I am not able to identify. I can only say that he was a tall man. On this occasion John Zetzer told me that the engine would have to have a new bearing and I told him to go ahead and fix it. Alvin Karpis on this occasion gave me a package and said he was paying me \$1000.00 which he owed me. Harry Campbell who is known to me as Buff and Ben Groves, who was known to me as Old Ben and whom I have known for many years, asked me if they could ride with me and I drove them to the Armory at Port Clinton and let them out of my car and they said they were going to get in their car.

The next morning I opened the package which Karpis gave me and I saw a number of new bills of \$1.00 denomination, there being ten packages containing \$100.00 each. I took the money down to the Toledo Trust at Madison and Summit Streets in Toledo, Ohio, and deposited some

of it in my checking account. I then read in the newspaper about a mail train had been robbed at Carrettsville, Ohio, by five men on the day that I went to Letzer's Marine Garage at Port Clinton, Ohio, and received the \$1000.00 from Alvin Karpis.

Benson Groves I have known for a number of years around Toledo, Ohio, and I have seen Benson Groves at McGraw's place in 1935, with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and Sam Coker who was known to me as Tommie.

After I received the \$1000.00 from Alvin Karpis I never saw him any more. I did receive several calls from Harry Campbell and visited him at the McGraw Apartment after I had received the \$1000.00 from Alvin Karpis, and I recall that several times Harry Campbell told me that he wanted to see Old Ben and I would send Benson Groves up to see him.

Benson Groves after he was released from the penitentiary the last time came to Toledo, Ohio, and was frequently around the 42nd Street Cafe which I own with my father-in-law, John Broadway. I often saw Benson Groves after Karpis gave me the \$1000.00 and I last saw him in about August, 1936, in the 42nd Street Cafe.

I recall that sometime during the year of 1934 I was in the Casino Club, and Bert Angus, Alvin Karpis and Russell Gibson were there. We were all drinking at the Bar. Big Slim said that there were Federal Agents living in a house in Point Place and that they had a telephone tap on the Casino Club, and that he was all for dynamiting the Federal Agents into Lake Erie. Alvin Karpis and Bert Angus told him not to do that as they would declare martial law, close up the town and have them all in jail.

As I have said, I have viewed a photograph of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman. I have known this man for a number of years and know that he works at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, as a doorman. I have seen Sharkey Gorman in Toledo, Ohio, at the Jovial Club and at Edith Barry's place. At Edith Barry's place I have seen him with Karpis and Fred Hunter, but I cannot recall the exact circumstances nor the exact date.

In the summer of 1935, I, on one occasion, went to the Harvard Club and talked with James "Shimmy" Patton about a business matter, and he told me that there was a gang hanging around the Club and he would like to get rid of them, and he pointed the gang out to me and I saw Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, who were at that time in the yard of the Harvard Club. This was at the big place which was operated by the Harvard Club. I at that time told

Shirley Patton that they were the same bunch who had been around the Casino Club in Toledo and that they were a hot bunch, but I did not tell him anything further.

Never at any time subsequent to my learning the true identities of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Russell Gibson, James J. Wilson, Charles J. Fitzgerald, Willie Harrison being wanted by the Government for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer at St. Paul, did I notify the local police authorities or the Federal authorities inasmuch as I did not feel that it was any of my business to do so. I remember that when I was a small boy attending school that there was a sign on the wall "Think before you speak" and I always acted in accordance with the words contained in that sign, thinking in this instance that I would be better off if I did not say anything.

I have read the above statement consisting of seven pages and have signed my initials to the bottom of each of the pages and my signature to this, the last page. I again desire to state this statement is given freely and voluntarily for the purpose of telling the entire truth.

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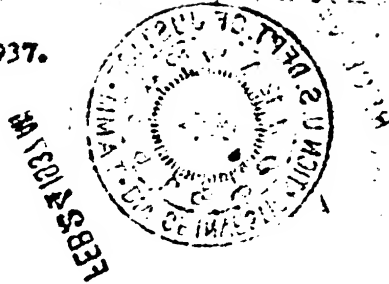
JOSEPH ROSCOE

WITNESSES:

E. J. WYNN, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,

S. K. McKEE, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice.

February 18, 1937.



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RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: GEORGE TIMINAKY; Dr. Joseph P.  
Moran, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1232, et al; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping;  
harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction  
of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Miami Field  
Division addressed to the Bureau, dated January 27, 1937, per-  
taining to the unidentified dead body which was found at Toledo,  
Ohio, in September 1934, which might be the remains of Dr. Joseph  
P. Moran.

The Bureau is giving consideration to the desirability  
of having this body exhumed, and it is desired that you immediately  
ascertain the cost incident to this action and advise the Bureau  
at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cincinnati  
Chicago

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

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January 26, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype from the Miami Division dated January 26, 1937, advising that the Honorable Alexander Ackerman, Judge of the United States District Court here, on January 26, 1937, denied the motion of defendants Adams and Randall to quash the indictments pending against them.

At the hearing which was held in Judge Ackerman's Chambers, Mr. Bart Riley, the attorney for the defendants here, in offering his motion to quash the indictments stated that he was basing the motion on the grounds that there was not offered to the Grand Jury which returned the indictment sufficient legal evidence. He offered no proof for this motion except the evidence which had been presented on the previous day when the motion to suppress certain evidence was heard.

Mr. Charles B. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General then informed the Court that the Government both demurred to the motion and opposed the motion on the grounds that the defense did not state sufficient facts, having offered no evidence that the indictment was not based on legal evidence, adding that the defendant's motion was really based on legal conclusion only, also that the motion was untimely and frivolous. He cited to the Court cases on the point.

Thereafter the Court denied the motion stating that it was not going into the merits of the defendants' contentions at this time, also that if the same contentions were raised at the time of the trial he would then rule on the admissibility of the evidence in this case. At this time the Court set this case for trial on June 7, 1937.

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Mr. Charles B. Carr has advised Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson that he had already referred to the Bureau the claims of Messrs. Bart Riley and P. T. Knight with respect to individuals in Baltimore, Maryland, offering to have this case dismissed for the sum of \$10,000.00. Mr. Carr stated that he took an affidavit from Mr. Knight on January 26th giving full details of this offer and that a copy of the affidavit will be furnished to the Bureau through the Department. Mr. Carr also said that according to Mr. Knight, Special Agent in Charge Hanson had advised Mr. Knight not to retain expensive counsel, but that he should employ some young "boy" for a small sum, thus inferring that Special Agent in Charge Hanson was possibly involved with the individuals from Baltimore. Special Agent in Charge Hanson in answer to Mr. Carr's inquiries, advised him that he had made no such statements whatsoever to Mr. Knight.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Shivers*  
R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge. *RJS*

cc Chicago  
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<b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, is United States Penitentiary and impossible to determine person who writes letter giving that return address.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent John R. Welles, Oklahoma City, 12-31-36.

**DETAILS:**

Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, from which a person wrote to Charles Lett, relative to Milton Lett, is the box number of the United States Penitentiary.

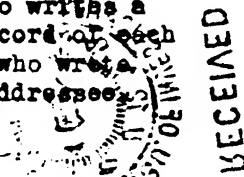
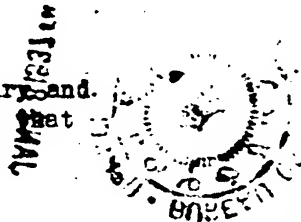
It is impossible to determine the name of the person who writes a letter giving this return address unless the mailing record of each prisoner in the penitentiary were checked to determine who wrote the letter which was mailed on that date to a certain addressee.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE** at Russell, Kansas, will conduct investigation requested in reference report.

**At Nevada, Missouri,** will obtain the information requested in report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Oklahoma City, dated 11-3-36, which information may be obtained from Chief of Police Ade Tow.

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At Fort Scott, Kansas, will, if feasible, attempt to make an informant of Mrs. Edith Morris, 124 State Street, as was suggested in the report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman.

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Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Baughman  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Coffey  
 Mr. Dawsey  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Foxworth  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Joseph  
 Mr. Lester  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Schilder  
 Mr. Tamm  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Gandy

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PHONE. BREKID. AT HEARING BEFORE JUDGE AKERMAN TWO PM THIS AFTERNOON ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANTS MADE MOTION TO QUASH INDICTMENT, BASING MOTION ON EVIDENCE PRODUCED BY DEFENDANTS AT HEARING YESTERDAY. SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CARR OPPOSED MOTION ON GROUND NO PROOF OFFERED THAT INDICTMENT WAS BASED ON INSUFFICIENT LEGAL EVIDENCE, CLAIMING DEFENDANTS ACTUALLY BASING CLAIM ON LEGAL CONCLUSION. CARR ALSO CLAIMED MOTION WAS UNTIMELY AND FRIVOLOUS. HE CITED AUTHORITIES SUBSTANTIATING HIS ARGUMENT. COURT DENIED MOTION AT THIS TIME WITHOUT GOING INTO MERITS OF IT. COURT SET CASE FOR TRIAL ON JUNE SEVENTH AND INDICATED MOTION HEARD YESTERDAY AS WELL AS MOTION HEARD TODAY WOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION BY TRIAL COURT AT THAT TIME. AGENTS HERE CONNECTION THIS CASE RELEASED TODAY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

January 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At approximately 8:30 P. M. on this date Mr. Shivers in Miami called the Bureau with reference to Joe Roscoe, possible defendant in the Carrettsville mail robbery case and for harboring.

Mr. Shivers advised Mr. Suran that Cleveland had called the Miami Division earlier in the day and talked with Sam McKee, advising of information concerning this man. Cleveland is checking to see if there is a warrant outstanding for Roscoe. Mr. Suran informed Mr. Shivers that the Cleveland Division is to advise him immediately upon the receipt of information. Mr. Shivers was instructed that if such a warrant is outstanding and Roscoe is located in Miami, he should be quietly taken into custody for the purpose of an interview in connection with the harboring case with which Mr. McKee is familiar; however, in the event Roscoe is located, he should not be picked up until Cleveland is contacted and it is determined that there is a warrant for his arrest.

Mr. Shivers was further informed that, in case Roscoe is apprehended, under no circumstances should he be turned over to the Postal Inspectors until the questioning of him by Bureau Agents is completed. Mr. Shivers stated that since there is a possibility of Roscoe being in custody of the Postal Inspectors, he will make a discreet check to determine whether Roscoe is being held by them.

Mr. Suran advised Mr. Shivers of your desire that every effort be exerted to locate and pick up Roscoe when there actually is a warrant for him and that this matter be brought to an early and favorable conclusion. Mr. Shivers stated he would keep the Bureau advised of all developments.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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January 26, 1937.

Time - 11:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Joe Roscoe.

I talked with Special Agent S. K. McKee at the Miami Office, and he said that since the arrival of Mr. Wynn, they have questioned Roscoe continuously, and have obtained but little more information from him. He said that he is in the process of dictating at this time a statement of the admissions and identifications which he has made, but whether he will sign this statement or not remains to be seen. Mr. McKee said he has not said anything to Roscoe as yet concerning signing a statement because he was afraid he would refuse to talk any longer, and it is problematical whether he will finally sign one.

Mr. McKee said that Roscoe is getting a little restless, and is beginning to talk about getting a lawyer.

I told Mr. McKee that we would like to release the information concerning this case and turn the man over to the Post Office Inspectors by 1:30 today, and accordingly, he should call me at that time and let me know what the situation is.

Time - 1:20 P.M.

Mr. Wynn telephoned me from Miami and said that since he started talking with Roscoe, Roscoe has substantially reiterated the statements which he has previously given to Mr. Shivers and Mr. McKee. He said that they are now dictating a statement which Roscoe says he will sign in which he admits all of those things which have heretofore been reported. Roscoe will make absolutely no statements which will in any way implicate any of the police officers in Toledo.

Mr. Wynn said that he can see no harm that can be done to any harboring case which we have against this man by reason of his being turned over to the Post Office Inspectors. He said that he estimates it will take them a couple of hours yet to get all of the details of this man's admissions down in writing so that he can sign a statement.

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I told Mr. Wynn that we would notify them when and if you decide to make the release in this matter.

Respectfully,

P. L. FOXWORTH.

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January 26, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

For the purposes of record, the following is the gist of many telephonic conversations which I had with various persons concerning the apprehension of Joe Roscoe, which telephonic conversations occurred during the course of Saturday afternoon the 23rd and Sunday the 24th.

I talked with Mr. Shivers at the Miami Office and told him the Director had authorized their removal of Joe Roscoe to Cleveland for questioning by the men who had worked on the case up there. The arrangements for the removal of the man were discussed. Of course, it was later decided that we would not remove him to Cleveland, but that Agent Wynn would come down to Miami and question the man, after which he would be turned over to the Post Office Inspectors there.

I telephoned Mr. MacFarland and informed him of the above mentioned plans to remove Roscoe to Cleveland for interrogation. He was, of course, later advised of the revocation of those plans, and was at the same time instructed to get Agent Wynn down to Miami by the fastest transportation so that he can question Roscoe. At this time, I told Mr. MacFarland to get as soon as possible a certified copy of the warrant which is outstanding for Roscoe as a result of the indictment which has been returned against him and others in connection with the robbery of the Garrettsville Mail Train.

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I told Mr. Shivers later to be sure and get a signed statement from Joe Roscoe to the effect that he is voluntarily remaining in our custody, so that we can hold him until Monday.

Agent McKee, who was questioning this man, informed me that he admits knowing all of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang with the exception of John Brock. He will not identify Brock's picture. He says he met them during the Spring of 1934 at the old Casino Club in Toledo through Willie Harrison, whom he had known for years, and also through the two Angus brothers, Ted and Bert. Willie Harrison, Ted and Bert Angus, and Charles J. Fitzgerald all told Roscoe that this gang was the "hottest mob in the country". In the Fall of 1934, he saw articles in various newspapers and magazines stating just who these parties were, and stating that they were under indictment for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. After that, he came in contact with them on numerous occasions and loaned some of them money. He says that Karpis owes him about \$1,800 at this time, while Russell Gibson owes him about \$5,000. Roscoe stated to McKee that he was not afraid to go back to Cleveland in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery because he was not in any way involved in that case.

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There is some difficulty in connection with Agent Fynn's going down to Miami, for the reason that he is under subpoena in a MMTA case in Detroit for Tuesday. However, the Cleveland Office is making arrangements through the Detroit Office to have Fynn released from this subpoena or the hearing continued so that it will not interfere with the instant matter.

In connection with obtaining a certified copy of the warrant in this matter, Mr. MacFarland informed me that they have been unable to obtain a copy of the warrant as yet, but that they have been furnished with copies of the indictment, <sup>not</sup> certified, which the United States Attorney says will empower and authorize an Agent of the Bureau or any other law enforcement officer of the United States to effect the arrest of Roscoe. Copies of the indictment are being furnished the Bureau and the Miami Office.

P. E. FOXNORTH.

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 27, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

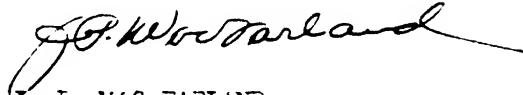
Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will confirm conversation had today with Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau, at which time he was advised that this office was in possession of a copy of the warrant for the arrest of Joe Roscoe, who was picked up by Bureau agents for questioning in connection with the harboring charges pending in this district, and who is wanted in connection with the robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio.

Mr. Foxworth instructed that this warrant be kept in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,



J. I. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 26, 1937

Time - 8:50 P. M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During my telephonic conversation with Mr. MacFarland at Cleveland concerning the latent fingerprints being sent to the police department's single fingerprint bureau there tonight, he advised that United States District Court Judge Paul Jones signed an order today effecting the return of Fred Hunter from Atlanta. The trial date is not certain but it is believed that it will take place within the next two weeks.

Mr. MacFarland advised that there was a news item in tonight's paper there which stated in substance that federal investigators believe Grove has been killed by other members of the gang to prevent his involving them. Mr. MacFarland was of the opinion that there is little truth in this report. He stated that Agents Kitchen and Malone, who are working on the case in Canton, Ohio, made a contact today and it is believed that they have an identification of Groves as being in and around Wells-ville, Ohio. A confidential informant, working with these agents has been trying to get into Wellsville, which is now under water.

Respectfully,

*R. C. Suran*  
R. C. Suran.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.  
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Transmit the following message to: MIAMI

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
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Post Office Box#1469  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
January 21, 1937

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

RE: RESEARCH  
POLITICS IN CRIME

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Bureau's letter of January 18, 1937 I am enclosing herewith a memorandum prepared by Special Agent E. L. Damron of this Division and relating the facts concerning the suspension of police officers of the Police Department of Hot Springs, Arkansas, because of the death of a prisoner, the subsequent indictment of seven officers of the police department and the subsequent legislative investigation of conditions in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Arkansas which comprises Garland and Montgomery Counties. Hot Springs is the County Seat of Garland County.

The information submitted in this memorandum was obtained through telephone taps now in operation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the BREKID case, and through information received by Special Agent E. L. Damron who has been following the BREKID case and developments in Hot Springs.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE  
Special Agent in Charge.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
January 21, 1937

M E M O R A N D U M

On December 13, 1936 one John Dickson was arrested at or near Prescott, Arkansas, by members of the Police Department of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and other State Officers. Dickson was immediately taken to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he was confined in the City Jail on charges of attempted robbery, auto theft, and aggravated assault upon Chief of Police Joe Wakelin of the Hot Springs Police Department. John Dickson remained in the City Jail until approximately 6:30 P. M. on December 18, 1936, at which time he was surreptitiously removed from the City Jail to the New Park Sanatorium because of his physical condition. Dickson remained in the New Park Sanatorium until December 24, 1936 when he died. The death certificate showed that death was due to pneumonia. Subsequently the parents of John Dickson employed attorneys to inquire and investigate the death of their son, due to the allegations that death had been caused by third degree methods rather than by pneumonia, these attorneys being Scott Wood, former Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, and C. Floyd Huff, Attorney and United States Commissioner, both of Hot Springs, Arkansas. These Attorneys caused an autopsy to be performed on the body of John Dickson, which disclosed the following marks, bruises, etc. on the body: superficial abrasions (probably burns), contusions and lacerations; fractures of the fifth and seventh ribs, with the separation of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh costochondral junctions with extravasation of blood into the surrounding tissue; rupture of the left kidney; bronchial pneumonia involving left lung and upper lobe of right lung, and bruised scrotum.

The autopsy or report stated that it was impossible to say just what condition caused the death of Dickson, but declared the wound in the left lung was certainly of such a nature that it would cause death from hemorrhage; that the superficial wounds of the body and fractured ribs were not severe enough to be fatal; that pneumonia preceded the wounds by several days and could have caused death, and that a wound appeared on the head which appeared to have been made by a blunt instrument; that a discolored area about the size of the palm of a man's hand appeared on the left chest, and there were burns and bruises about the thighs.

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On January 1, 1937 Mayor Leo McLaughlin of Hot Springs suspended from office Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, Captain L. A. Cooper, Lieutenant Cecil Brock and Detective Glenn Buchanan in order that they would not be clothed in any official capacity during the investigation of the death of Dickson by the Garland County Grand Jury which Grand Jury was called into session by Circuit Judge Earl Witt for the purpose of investigating the death of this prisoner and other criminal cases.

On January 7, 1937 the Garland County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging second degree murder and naming as defendants Day Captain Arch Cooper, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, Night Captain Robert Moore, Detective R. G. Buchanan, Patrolman Press Griffin, Patrolman Joe Scott and Patrolman Andy Erwin. With this indictment a report was returned by the Grand Jury which in part stated "During our investigation we found no evidence to connect Chief of Police Joe Wakelin with the actual mistreatment of the prisoner, but the evidence revealed by our investigation leads us to believe that had Chief Wakelin exercised a more dominate control over the officers under him such circumstances as those revealed in the Dickson case and other cases of alleged mistreatment of prisoners would not have existed."

Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, who was assaulted by John Dickson, is the brother-in-law of Municipal Judge Verne Legerwood of Hot Springs, they having married sisters. It appears that Judge Legerwood contacted at least two members of this Grand Jury during the investigation. The Foreman of this Grand Jury was one Charles Goslee, Business Manager of the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record newspaper, and a close friend and political ally of Mayor Leo McLaughlin.

Upon the return of this indictment the Mayor of Hot Springs discharged the seven indicted officers, and stated that it was doubtful whether Joe Wakelin would again serve as Chief of Police. The seven indicted officers were released on bonds of \$1,500.00 each and the case is now pending trial in the Garland Circuit Court.

It appears that the death of Dickson provided fuel for a political battle between Scott Wood, (former Circuit Judge and opponent of the present City administration in Hot Springs), and Joseph Demby (Defeated in the last election for Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, composed of Garland and Montgomery Counties), on one side, and the political machine of Hot Springs on the other side, as on January 14, 1937 a resolution

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was introduced in the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas at Little Rock by State Representative W. M. Thompson of Independence County asking for the appointment of a committee to investigate lawlessness and conditions in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. This bill, it appears, was prepared by Judge Scott Wood and Joseph Lemby and sponsored by Representative Lee Nichols.

This resolution alleged:

- 1 - That there is open gambling in Hot Springs.
- 2 - That there is operation of slot machines near public schools and for the use, almost exclusively of school children.
- 3 - That the said slot machines and other gambling devices are owned or partly owned by public officials.
- 4 - That public officials were employed and paid for part time services in gambling houses.
- 5 - That Circuit Judge Earl Witt interfered with investigations of alleged violations by Montgomery County Officials.
- 6 - That the primary election laws were violated in 1936 in the selection of poll officials.
- 7 - That Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin forced City and County Officials and employees of gambling houses to vote the entire machine ticket through threats of discontinuing or causing to be discontinued their employment.
- 8 - That the political machine of Garland County printed ten thousand marked ballots which were handed to voters by the election clerks in the August Primary.
- 9 - That the political machine purchased four thousand tax receipts and distributed them to transients and other illegal voters

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- 10- That the election of Gibson Witt, Jr. as Prosecuting Attorney was due to a "deal" by which Ridgeway agreed to withdraw from the race if appointed as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.
- 11 - That Circuit Judge Earl Witt took an active part in the campaign in behalf of candidates endorsed by the machine.
- 12 - That a nationwide scandal grew out of the murder of a prisoner in the City Jail of Hot Springs.
- 13 - That there is gross discrimination in the treatment of prisoners leading the general public to believe that certain notorious criminals can obtain protection under public officials at Hot Springs.
- 14 - That it is alleged that certain murders committed by certain said protected criminals have never been investigated.
- 15 - That local authorities sought to prevent the extradition of Charles "Lucky" Luciano from Hot Springs.
- 16 - That the murderers of two enrollees of a CCC Camp in said Judicial District have been protected by officers charged with the duty of apprehending and prosecuting them.

As to the first allegation it appears that the administration at Hot Springs did not deny this, and took the position that gambling has been open and public for the last twenty years and during the administration of Circuit Judge Scott Wood.

Allegation four appears to refer to the employment of police officers as guards or bouncers in the Southern Club and Club Belvedere, which are the two largest and most elaborate gambling establishments in Hot Springs.

Allegation twelve appears to relate to the death of John Dickson.



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Allegation fourteen apparently refers to a homicide in Hot Springs several years ago wherein a man was killed by George McLaughlin, brother of the Mayor and a city employee and others.

Allegation fifteen refers to the extradition of Charles "Lucky" Luciano from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to New York City, New York, to answer charges of operating houses of ill-fame and other immoral charges.

Allegation sixteen apparently refers to Montgomery County as there are no known CCC Camps located in Garland County.

It may also be stated that during the last General Election it was common knowledge that the City Administration or machine at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and which controlled Garland County actively sought the defeat of Carl Bailey, Candidate for Governor, and that a large majority of votes polled in Garland County were for Mr. Bailey's opponents.

Mayor Leo McLaughlin of Hot Springs received information about the preparation of this resolution prior to its introduction in the House of Representatives. It appears that the resolution was drafted subsequent to the death of John Dickson and related details concerning the death of this man, but upon the return of the indictment by the Garland County Grand Jury the details of this death were deleted from the resolution. It is possible that the return of this indictment by the Grand Jury was for the purpose of causing the deletion of these facts from the resolution.

Subsequent to receiving information concerning the resolution Mayor McLaughlin made strenuous efforts to block the introduction of this resolution by contacting his friends and political allies. During these negotiations he kept in almost constant touch with W. S. Jacobs who is reported to control all gambling and race result wires in Hot Springs, and city and county officials. Some of the persons through whom Mayor McLaughlin sought to block the introduction of this resolution were Grady Manning, President of the Southwest Hotel Chain, with offices in the Marion Hotel at Little Rock; James R. Campbell, State Representative of Garland County; Joe Schneider, Referee in Bankruptcy, with offices in the Federal Building at Little Rock; Raymond Rebsamen, who has the Ford Agency and an insurance office in Little Rock, and who is reported to be in power with the present State Administration; Carroll Hollingsworth, former State Representative from Bradley County, and now Parliamentarian of the State House of Representatives; Jack Holt, State Attorney General; Ed McHaney, Jr., Attorney and son of Supreme Court Judge Ed McHaney; and State Representative W. K. Tony of Jefferson County. Through Joe Schneider, the Referee in bankruptcy, the Mayor contacted Guy Williams

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a former Assistant Attorney General under Governor Bailey, and the Governor. It also appeared that gambling was being opened in the Eastmas Hotel at Hot Springs, which hotel is a member of the Southwest Hotel Chain, and that this gambling was being sponsored by Grady Manning and other persons in Little Rock.

Although strenuous efforts were made to block the introduction of this resolution the same was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 14, 1937 and was passed by a vote of seventy-two to twenty-one. An investigative committee was thereupon appointed by the Speaker of the House, together with a Little Rock Attorney as attorney for the committee. (This committee is now engaged in investigating conditions in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit which includes the City of Hot Springs and Garland County) The committee, through the Arkansas State Rangers and Agents of the State Revenue Department, recently obtained photographs of the gambling establishments in Hot Springs, and served subpoenas upon County and City Officials and proprietors of gambling establishments and required the production of records including bank accounts, income tax returns, payroll records including "hot checks" etc. The meetings of this committee and the evidence being produced before the same are secret, but it is reported that all evidence and testimony of witnesses is being reported by a stenographer and transcribed. (1/21/37)

(Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
B. L. DAARON  
Special Agent.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
January 23rd, 1937.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with this case, there are transmitted herewith the logs covering these taps for January 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1937, together with copies of the attendant memoranda submitted in connection therewith for the logs on January 18, 20 and 21, 1937.

There are also transmitted herewith the following newspaper clippings relating to the legislative inquiries concerning conditions at Hot Springs:

SAN JUAN HEBER, Hot Springs, Arkansas -  
January 18 and 19, 1937.

NEW ERA, Hot Springs, Arkansas - January  
18, 19 and 20, 1937.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, Arkansas -  
January 18, 17, 18, 19 and 21, 1937.

ATLANTA GAZETTE, Little Rock, Arkansas -  
January 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1937.

As these newspaper clippings will reflect, members of the committee are no longer issuing any statements for publication and the present status of the inquiries has not been disclosed.

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Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Note: See Separate Enclosure

cc: ST. LOUIS

MR. CUNNINGHAM, CHICAGO

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P.O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 25, 1937.

Mr. R. A. Steen  
Postmaster  
New Castle, Pennsylvania

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Confirming the oral request of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, on January 18, 1937, it is respectfully requested that a cover be placed on the mail received at the C. V. MITZ residence, Rural Route #8, Mahoningtown, Pennsylvania, for a period of thirty days.

It will be appreciated if you will mark these tracings with the number 7-39 and forward them to this Field Division, as soon as made.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

FOZ/MIM  
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CC - Bureau ✓

B. DIJILLO  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

JANUARY 27, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning machine guns sold in the state of Kansas by the Federal Laboratories, Inc.

Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons examined the machine gun in possession of the Arkansas City, Kansas Police Department and ascertained that it bears serial number 2487, the same as is listed in the list of machine guns supplied by the Bureau. The records further indicate that this gun was purchased on July 24, 1933, from Sam Russell, salesman for the Federal Laboratories, Inc.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH *WAG*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
January 27th, 1937.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BRWID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of  
the logs for January 22 and 23, 1937, covering the  
telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs,  
Arkansas, in connection with captioned case, together  
with copies of the attendant memoranda submitted by  
Special Agent L. F. Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

*John B. Little*  
JOHN B. LITTLE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Cincinnati

Mr. L. E. Connelley, Cleveland

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
INTERNAL SECURITY

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

Hot Springs Ark.  
January 26, 1937.

Memorandum for Inspector E.J. Connelley.

BREXID.

Herewith are the logs for January 25, 1937, on the taps being maintained on telephones 125, 446 and 648 at Hot Springs Ark.

It is apparent that Mayor McLaughlin knows of the operation of gambling establishments in Hot Springs and apparently has no intention of suppressing them. In this connection, attention is called to the telephone conversation at 12.50 A.M. over telephone #648 between Mayor McLaughlin and William S. Jacobs. The Mayor tells Jacobs that he warned certain Places (undoubtedly "Bookie" places on Central Ave., not to call the results so loudly. It may be noted that one of the allegations made before the State Legislature, was that the announcing of race results by "Bookie" places in Hot Springs could be heard by persons on the street.

It appears that some complaint was made of workmen and others who could not afford to gamble, losing money at gambling places in Hot Springs. At 11.44 A.M. over #648 the Mayor speaks with Bob Dean of the Sentinel Record Newspaper and tells him that he will close up those places running "Petty" games with stakes of less than \$1.00. Incidentally this program would tend to benefit the large operators, such as Jacobs who run places patronized by wealthier people.

The Mayor carried out his intention expressed to Dean, as can be seen from telephone conversation over #648 at 11.51 A.M., where McLaughlin and one Smitty, who probably operates the wire service used by "Bookie" places, converse about this matter.

Respectfully submitted

*D.P. Sullivan*  
D.P. Sullivan  
Special Agent.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
JAN 27 1937	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
ROUTE TO:	FILE:



Top on #46 (City Jail)  
And #123 (Chief of Police,  
Hot Springs, Ark -  
Plant at 207-Laurel.

1-23-37.

Has.

12:02 Am - In #1.

Kelly & Murray - Reported at 116.

12:10 Am - Out #2.

111am - Called 1228 (listed - Dr. G. A. Hebert)  
No one answered.

Has -

12:13 Am - Out #2.

Rogers - Called 1228 (Dr. G. A. Hebert)

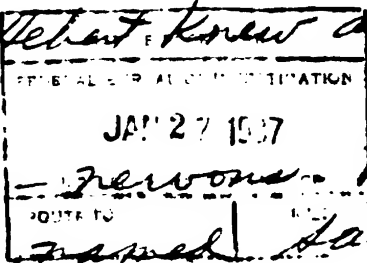
Woman - Hello.

Rogers - Dr Hebert in?

Dr. Hebert - Hello.

Rogers - Informed that complaint received  
from Marquette Hotel about Joseph  
Collatta, from Lake Charles, La.  
Inquired what Dr. Hebert knew about  
him.

Dr. Hebert - He's a mental case - nervous. Has  
a friend on Cedar St. named Sam  
Tharcuso (or Marcuso) - ①



1-23-37.

H.A.S.

12:15 Am - Out # 2.

Rogers - Called 388 (listed - Avalon Club)

Clerk - Avalon.

Rogers - Is Harry Bolling there?

Clerk - He's out now.

Rogers - Tell him to call Rogers at jail.

H.A.S.

12:20 Am - Out # 2.

Rogers - Called 3672 (Hotel Marquette)

Clerk - Hello.

Rogers - Inquired further details as to what Joseph Collatto had done.

Clerk - Advised that Collatto attempted to go upstairs when instructed to stay out, and then threatened the desk clerk - gave his address as 119 Emory St. & telephone # 1975.

H.A.S.

12:23 Am. - Out # 2.

Rogers - Called 1975.

Op. - Number is out of order. (2)

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has.

1:00 Am - In # 1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 116.

1:20 Am - In # 1.

Mrs Megunkins - Requested to be called  
at 6:15 Am.

has.

1:22 Am - Out # 1.

Rogers - Called 3606. (Firestone). Requested  
that officers call the jail.

1:25 Am - In # 1.

Rogers - Hello.

Officer - You want me?

Rogers - Go to 119 Emory St. Find out  
about Joseph Collatto. If he  
has friends there tell them  
come get him and take  
him home.

has.

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1-23-37.

2:00 Am. - Out # 1.

Jeff - Called 3606 - For Rogers -

Rogers - Hello.

Jeff - A gentleman is here to take that fellow home. Do you want to turn him over to him?

Rogers - I'll be over in 10 minutes.

2:10 Am. - In # 1.

Man - Wrong number.

3:05 Am. - In # 1.

Officer - Murray & Kelly at ???.

3:30 Am. - In # 2 -

Bob Moore - Advised Rogers he was just getting off work at Southern Club. Wanted a ride home.

Rogers - OK - I'll come get you -

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1-23-37.

Has.

4:10 Am. - In # 1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126.

5:05 Am. - In # 1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126.

6:16 Am. - Out # 1.

Corrington - Called 1038 - Informed  
Mrs. Mcgunkins of the time.

Has.

7:10 Am. - Out # 2.

Watkins - Called 257 (Zimmerman Grocery)  
Ordered groceries for delivery  
at his home.

7:20 Am. - In # 2.

Man - Inquired as to condition of  
streets for driving.

Has.

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#12#2

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7<sup>41</sup> AM Out #446

Edna

Corrington called #210 (Italian  
Lung Co.) and asked price of  
bunions. He told that the  
price was \$3.50.

7<sup>51</sup> AM In #446

Edna

Corrington - City Jail

Jack Buckett - Is Capt Rogers there?

Corrington - No. His gone to breakfast.

Jack Buckett - Ok. Tell him Jack called.

7<sup>59</sup> AM In #446

Edna

Edna Co. called and reported  
a call for ambulance to 907 Park St.

8<sup>22</sup> AM In #113

Edna

Call for Chug - Not In.

8<sup>27</sup> AM Out #446

Edna

Man called 3574 and ordered 7  
breakfasts for the jail.

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8:27 AM In #103

LPW

Corrington: Chief's Office

Man: Is Ray Franklin in jail

Corrington: No. He is not here.

Man: Thanks.

8:54 AM In #103

LPW

Call for Chief Raspberry.

Raspberry: Hello.

Man: This is the Red Tap. Have  
you heard anything?

Raspberry: No. Not a thing.

Man: If you do let me know.

Raspberry: I will.

8:55 AM In #103

LPW

Officer Neil at Arkadelphia, Ark.

Called Raspberry, and asked him to  
pick up a Ford V8 - 1937 - Blue 2 door  
Sedan with Missouri tags. Car driven  
by two boys. Raspberry said he would  
look out for it and call him.

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9<sup>15</sup> AM In #123 Elna  
Call for Otero. At home sick.

9<sup>17</sup> AM Out Elna  
Corrington - 1987 - Busy -



11+2.

1/23/57.

9.49

Incoming on 123

N.P.S.

Ada Watkins reports to Tucker that somebody broke her window. She has the rock and wants it ~~for~~ searched for fingerprints.

9.55 am

Incoming on 446

N.P.S.

Fowler. - Say Tucker, that man only has \$7.75.

Tucker - He has \$2<sup>00</sup> here. Let <sup>him</sup> dig up a quarter and that will be enuf.

10.05 am

Outgoing on 446

N.P.S.

Tucker called TG 48 and spoke to Jude Edgewood who told him to release some boy

10.06 am.

Incoming on #123

N.P.S.

Horace spoke with Chief Rasberry regarding an insurance policy.

10.10 am.

Incoming. on #123

N.P.S.

Call for Dutch Akers. Still sick

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10.10 am. #123 outgoing to #666 (phon of Akus residence) N.P.S.  
man calling. Do you need anything, Herbert.  
Dutch Akus. No, thanks.

10.20 am Incoming on #446 N.P.S.  
City Jail answers  
man calling - Is Dutch there?  
City Jail no he is sick.

10.21 am Incoming on #446 N.P.S.  
man calling. Tucker, what did they do with Ede  
Bunch (phonetic) this morning  
Tucker. They gave him 30 days.

10.25 am. Outgoing on #123 N.P.S.  
man put in call for 2369, Lake Charles Louisiana,  
telephone at Joe Colletta's grocery store. man calling  
gave name of Dominic Romano.

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10.30 am.

Outgoing #123

NPS.

man calling Mr. Belair at Majestic Hotel.  
Line busy.

10.31 am.

Incoming #446

NPS.

man calling. What did you do with Edge  
tower - 30 days.

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10<sup>21</sup> AM Call #173 Glen

Natkins = 666 (Akers Home)

Akers = Hello-

Natkins: Butch, a woman brought  
a rock in here to have  
some fingerprints developed.

Have we got any of that powder  
Akers: Just tell her that we can't  
do anything with a rock. The  
surface isn't good for that  
kind of stuff.

Natkins: All right.

10<sup>38</sup> In #446 Glen

Woman called for Natkins - Not In.

10<sup>59</sup> In #173 Glen

Man called and asked for  
Arch Cooper = Not In.

11<sup>13</sup> In #446 Glen

Woman called for Akers = at home sick.  
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11<sup>37</sup> AM In #173 Glen  
Girl called. Akus - At home sick.

11<sup>42</sup> AM Out #446 Glen  
Rasberry - 3339 (Arch Casper's Home)  
Homan - Hello -  
Rasberry - Is Arch there?  
Homan - No - he's downtown some place.  
Rasberry - All right.

12<sup>12</sup> PM In #173 Glen  
Call for Watkins.  
Watkins - Hello -  
Girl - Jerry. I'll be down in a minute  
to get what I asked you about.  
Watkins - OK.

12<sup>36</sup> PM In #173 Glen  
Fowler - Chief's Office  
Ridgway - Is Monroe Young there?  
Young - Hello -  
Ridgway - Is Hoodlow there?  
Young - No, we just turned him out about  
5 minutes ago ⑬  
Ridgway - Thanks -

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12.45 p.m. #123 Outgoing to #6 (Railway) <sup>(Bus)</sup> N.P.S.  
man calling: When is the next bus to Lake Charles.  
Bus station 11.10 p.m.

12.50 p.m. Incoming on #123 N.P.S.  
man asked for Chief, was told had gone to  
dinner.

12.55 p.m. #123 Outgoing to 3846 (Residence of Mrs. Young) N.P.S.  
man calling. How is the little boy  
Woman. He is getting along alright.

12.56 p.m. Incoming on #446 N.P.S.  
Mrs Warrington (police matron) called and told  
she was coming back to work Monday.

1.03 p.m. #123 Outgoing to 2495 N.P.S.  
man calling. Mrs. Both, Ed wants you to come  
up to the city jail.

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1.12 p.m. <sup>#446</sup> Outgoing to 285 (City Drug Store)  
Curley Evans. Is Mr. Blum there?

N.P.S.

Mr. Blum answers.

Evans - Was Bill over there for a prescription for  
he have an account there. He is a good boy.  
Blum. Well, no. I am sorry I can't afford to  
open any more accounts.

1.25 p.m.

Incoming on #446

N.P.S.

Effie calling and talked to man who told  
her to be sure to have the door open.

1.33 p.m.

Outgoing to 285 on #123

N.P.S.

Conversation about a practical joke, identity  
unknown, who put a false traffic tag on an  
automobile.

1.35 p.m.

Incoming. on #446

N.P.S.

man calling. Send a cop up to the Milwaukee Hotel.  
a man stole my hat. I got it back, but he  
got away

Police Dept.

O.K.

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1.40 p.m.

Incoming.

DPS

man calling. - Hello Chief Have you heard  
anything from that Lincoln Zephyr.  
There is one just like it, out at the  
Racetrack.

man answering. OK. We'll check it.

1.41 p.m.

outgoing to 3325 (Mo. Pacific station) WPS

man calling. When is the train due?

man answering. 2.55 p.m.

1.43 p.m.

Incoming

DPS

man calling.

Come down to the Broadway Cafe, a  
fellow is causing trouble here.

P.D.

O.K.

1.44 p.m.

Incoming

DPS

Woman calling. Is Cecil Brock there

P.D.

He is not here now.

1.45 p.m.

Incoming.

DPS

Woman calling. This is the Broadway Cafe. There



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Woman (continued) is a man down here acting crazy.  
Send a policeman down

P.D.

O.K.

2.05 p.m.

Incoming.

W.P.S.

Domini Romano. Please get my friend some  
cigarettes. I will pay you when I get there

P.D.

O.K.

2.15 p.m.

Incoming.

W.P.S.

Woman calling. I am going out to the house.

Curly Evans. Alright, Be sure and feed the dogs.

2.20 p.m.

Incoming from Sheriff's Office Lake Charles La. W.P.S.

Sheriff's office. I have your Collette there. How is he?

P.D.

He is violently insane

Sheriff's office. Well his three brothers are coming up.

We are giving them a letter to release him.

P.D.

Well I guess that will be alright.

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2.25 p.m. out going to #1975  
Watkins. The Sheriff from Lake Charles called. Do you  
want Collette's brother to take Collette or myself and  
another man.

Romano. How much will it cost.

Watkins. I don't know yet.

Romano. Well I will make up my mind  
and call Lake Charles.

2.27 p.m. Incoming N.P.S.  
Officer reporting at # 3497 Jonestown

2.30 p.m. Incoming N.P.S.  
Bob Lanham. There is a drizzle down on Broadway  
P.O. O.K.

2.35 p.m. Incoming N.P.S.  
Woman calling. This is Mrs. Costello. I am working at  
721 Malvern. I wanted to see  
Curley Evans.  
man answering. He is out on a call now.

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NPS

2.37 p.m. Outgoing to 1088

Man answers. Poe Furniture Co.

Man calling - This is Arch. How much do I owe

Poe Furn. Co. \$92.87

Arch. Oke-oke.

NPS.

2.40 p.m.

Incoming

Man calling. Is Dutch there.

P.D.

no, he is in bed with the flu.

2.45 p.m.

Incoming

Man calling asked if the Judge (probably Ledgerwood) was there. When told the Judge was there, man said he would be over.

N.P.S.

2.50 p.m.

Incoming

Howler calling. That fellow has his legs badly cut. I will wait for the doctor to show up.

N.P.S.

P.D.

O.K.

3.02 p.m.

Incoming.

Lee calling. Steve will be up in the morning for Collette.

N.P.S.

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3.02 p.m. (continued)

Lee - and will take him back to Lake Charles.  
Romano - Alright.

3.05 p.m.

Incoming

N.P.S.

Man calling. What is Garnett Moore's telephone number?

P.W. It is 1965

3.10 p.m.

Incoming

N.P.S.

Man calling. Tell Garnett Moore to come down  
to Dick Shields' (phonetic) tonight. It  
is important.

P.W.

I'll tell him.

3.11 p.m.

WPS  
Tony Cochran, clarinet player at the Belvedere  
Club reported the theft of his clarinet.

3.18 p.m.

Outgoing

N.P.S.

man called 1354-W. Line busy.

3.25 p.m.

Incoming on #123

Dr. Louie (phonetic), How is Collette?

P.W.

He has been causing trouble  
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3.25 p.m. (continued)

Doctor Lower. I will stop by & see him

3.32 p.m. #446 but going to #666 (telephone of Akus) WPS

Darcy. How is Dutch.  
Lillian. He is in bed. I have the flu too. He and I both are in bed.

3.35 p.m.

Incoming on #446 WPS.  
Woman calling: How Rasberry call #666 when he comes in.

3.36 p.m.

Incoming on #446. WPS.  
Woman calling asked for Jerry Watkins, who was out.

3.40 p.m.

Incoming on #446 WPS.  
office reporting at 1871 - Jonestown.

3.45 p.m.

Incoming on #123 WPS.  
Women reported drunken or injured man in front of 102 Federal St.

#123446

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3.55 p.m.

Incoming on #446. W.P.S.  
Gross Motuary - We sent an ambulance to Federal  
and Liberty St to pick up a drunk.

P.W.

O.K.

4.05 p.m.

Outgoing on #446 to #181 (Gen Memorial Hospital). W.P.S.  
man calling - How is Tucker.  
Hospital - He will be discharged in a few  
minutes.

Note The local newspapers report that Frank Tucker,  
the father was injured when he fell on the pavement.

4.05 p.m.

Outgoing on #123 to #666. W.P.S.  
Chief Rasberry. Hello, this is Rasberry.  
Mrs. Allen. Dutch just sent a note down to  
you.

4.10 p.m.

Outgoing on #123 to #3574. W.P.S.  
Ordered 9 meals.

123446

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OPS.

4.20 p.m. Outgoing on #446 to #1065  
Watkins asked that some plumbing work  
on a house.

4.29 p.m. Incoming on #446  
Mural. That drunk who was just brought in  
was Jess Ferrell. He is from Glenwood,  
and is 30 years old and is a W.P.A worker.  
P.H. Thanks.

4.53 p.m. Outgoing on #123 to 87 (Coughhead Laundry)  
Brock made date to call Louise at 6 p.m.

5.10 p.m. Incoming on #123.  
man reported a drunk who had run off the  
Little Rock Hwy. after sideswiping 3 cars.

5.16 p.m. Incoming on #123.  
Women at Stokes (phonetic) reported a fight  
with men about to kill one another.

5.25 p.m. Incoming on #446.  
office reporting - 503 - Jonestown. (23)

OPS.

#1447  
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5<sup>44</sup> PM In #173  
Girl called for Garnett Moore = Not In. G.Ru

5<sup>51</sup> PM In #446  
Call for Akers - At home pick. G.Ru

6<sup>12</sup> PM Out #173  
Brock called 1404 and talked  
to Mrs. Brock - Nothing important. G.Ru

6<sup>28</sup> PM Out #173  
Garnett Moore - 1965 G.Ru  
Woman = Hello -  
Moore = Did anyone call me?  
Woman = Yes, some girl called  
you but she didn't leave  
a name or number.  
Moore = OK.

6<sup>42</sup> PM In #173 G.Ru  
Woodman Hospital called and reported  
that the woman run over by auto had  
just died. (24)



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6<sup>58</sup> PM In #446 GK  
Woman called Garnett Moore. Has  
told the Garnett Moore was not in.

7<sup>01</sup> PM In #173 GK  
Call for Akers = At home sick.

7<sup>15</sup> PM In #446 GK  
Officer reported = 503 Jonestown.

7<sup>19</sup> PM In #173 GK  
Call for Bob Moore = Not here - try  
the Southern Club.

7<sup>27</sup> PM In #446 GK  
Call for Watkins  
Watkins = Heccs -  
Man = Jerry, did you get John Perry  
last night?  
Watkins = No - we haven't found him yet.  
Man = OK.

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740 Pm In #123  
Man at Central Garage reported  
they had gulled in a Dodge Sedan. Glu

740 Pm In #123  
Man called and inquired about  
Carlato boy who had been taken  
to hospital. Fowler said he was  
in better condition. Glu

752 Pm In #123  
Man called and asked what  
hospital Carlato boy had been taken.  
Fowler told caller that boy was  
at the New Park Hospital. Glu

815 Pm In #446  
Call for Garnett Moore - Not In. Glu

832 Pm In #446  
Woman reported a fight at 319  
Malvern Ave. Glu

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844 In #123  
Man reported a drunk in 800  
block of Central Ave. Glen

912 In #446  
Officer reported = 788 Jonestown. Glen

925 In #123  
Drunk at Ocala, Fla., called  
and asked if Chief got a box  
of oranges he had sent. Further  
conversation was impossible because  
of bad connection. Thus the  
call was terminated. Glen

950 In #123.  
Rogers: Hello.  
Mayon: How is everything?  
Rogers: Everything is fine and quiet.  
Mayon: Well, lay on those banks.  
Rogers: All right. I'll attend to that. Glen

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9<sup>57</sup> In #173

J. Jones per Gln

Woman called and talked with officer regarding a bad check she had received. Officer told her to get in touch with last endorser and if she did not obtain satisfaction to call back. She said she would.

10<sup>00</sup> In #446

J. Jones per Gln

Officers reported: Murray & Kelly at 116

10<sup>10</sup> In #173

J. Jones per Gln

Incoming call for Akers: Not In.

10<sup>23</sup> In #173

J. Jones per Gln

Mrs. Laurel called police and asked them to get her son out of pool hall and give him a good scare. Officer told Mrs. Laurel if that did no good they would lock him up over night.

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10<sup>30</sup> In # 446 J. Jones per Gher  
Call for Bob Moore - Not here.

10<sup>35</sup> Out # 446 J. Jones per Gher  
Floyd Davis called garage re: battery.

11<sup>00</sup> In # 446 J. Jones per Gher  
Officers reported = Naray & Kelly at 176

11<sup>05</sup> In # 173 J. Jones per Gher.  
Man by name of Wheeler at Park  
Hotel reported theft of his car.

11<sup>10</sup> In # 446 J. Jones per Gher  
Officer reporting = 3017 Jonestown.

11<sup>20</sup> In # 173 J. Jones per Gher  
Wheeler at Park Hotel, evidently drunk  
called again about the theft of his car.

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11<sup>20</sup> Out # 446 J. Jones per Gher  
Police called Keith, House Detective  
at Arlington Hotel and asked him  
to find out what the trouble was in  
room 147 - that a Mr. Wheeler had  
reported his car stolen.

11<sup>25</sup> In # 173 J. Jones per Gher  
Spencer's Cigar Store called and  
asked that an officer be sent over  
to pick up a drunk.

11<sup>25</sup> In # 173 J. Jones per Gher.  
711 Adams at The Arlington  
called and reported there was no  
trouble - that the man was goofy.

11<sup>40</sup> Out # 446 J. Jones per Gher.  
Bradley called 3900 and inquired  
about a battery.

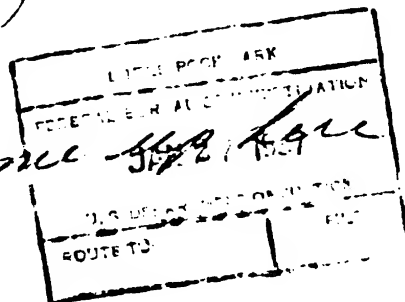
11<sup>45</sup> In # 173 J. Jones per Gher  
Man called and reported a fight on Malvern  
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9:00 AM Out  
Miss Marsh = 184 (Mountain City Jail)  
Violet = City Clerk's Office  
Miss Marsh - Violet, tell Emmett  
(Jackson) to come up to  
the Mayor's Office.  
Violet = All right.

9:10 AM Out  
Mayor called Mountain Valley Water  
Company and ordered 1 dozen bottles  
of water to be sent to his mother's  
house.

9:17 AM Out  
Mayor = 1124 (Fire Dept.)  
Man - Hello -  
Mayor - Tell Elmer to come up here -  
Man = All right.



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917 AM Out.

John

Mayor - 617 (City, Barn)

Claude James - Hello -

Mayor - Claude - This is Leo. Go up  
to The Burch Motor Company  
and get an estimate of the  
damage done to that car  
which was hit by the City  
Truck.

Claude James: All right.



#3.

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9.40 am. Outgoing on #648 to 2811 (Residence Geo McLaughlin) WPS  
Hazel Marsh. - How is the baby? Pauline  
Simpson told me. Anything I can do?  
George. No thanks, Hazel.

9.46 am. Incoming on #648 WPS.  
Woman - Let me speak to Fannie McLaughlin  
Hazel. - She isn't working today.

9.47 am. Incoming on #648 WPS.  
Charlie - Let me speak to Mr McLaughlin.  
Mayor - Hello.  
Charlie - I will take care of that right away.

10.03 am. Outgoing on #648 - number not gotten WPS.  
Hazel - Send Elmer up to the Mayor's office.

10.10 am. Incoming on #648 WPS.  
Carl Russen (phonetic) spoke to the Mayor about  
some plumbing work.

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10,15 am. Incoming on 648 OPS.  
Mr. Dougall - I am going out to see Schvedel  
about that right away.  
Mayor. alright, Mr. Dougall.

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10<sup>50</sup> Am In

Edna

Jacobs called Mayor.

Mayor: Hello.

Jacobs: See, I took the liberty of telling all these places not to call the horses so loud and to keep the doors closed. I thought I'd let you know about it.

Mayor: Singlad you did. How is business?

Jacobs: Well, we'll just about break even this month. January is always a bad month. There is a good crowd in town but they are what we call down-easterners. They don't spend for anything except hotel bills.

Mayor: Well, it should start soon.

Jacobs: I'm leaving for Belvedere now.

Mayor: Ok.

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Eden

11<sup>10</sup> In

Gibson Mitt called Mayor

Mayor = Hello -

Gibson Mitt = Leo, this is Libb. I'd like  
to see you. What time will  
suit you best.

Mayor = That about right after dinner.

Gibson Mitt = OK.

Eden

11<sup>22</sup> In

Man called and asked for Jim  
Campbell. Miss Marsh told caller  
that Mr. Campbell was not there.

Eden

11<sup>27</sup> In

Miss Marsh = Mayor's office

Bob Dean = Is the Mayor in?

Miss Marsh = No - will you leave  
your number?

Bob Dean = This is Bob Dean. Will you  
ask him to call me -

Miss Marsh = Yes. ⑥

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11<sup>44</sup> AM Out

Mayor - 3700 (Sentinel Record)

Haman - Hello -

Mayor - Is Bob Sean there?

Bob Sean - Hello -

Mayor - This is Leo -

Bob Sean - Did you see the editorial  
in the morning's paper -

Mayor - Yes. I saw it.

Bob Sean - Do you want to say anything.

Mayor - No. I don't think so. I think  
it's best to clear that up and  
not have any publicity about  
it. We are going to put a stop  
to all this petty gambling. There  
are places taking bets on the  
horses for 25¢ and 50¢. We are  
going to warn all operators that  
anyone caught selling bets for  
less than \$1 will be closed.

Bob Sean - I think that is the best. I  
want to write anything on it

Mayor - All right. I think that's the best way.

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Edna

1151 Ave In

Miss March: Mayor's office

Smitty: Is the Mayor there?

Mayor: Hello

Smitty: This is Smitty - Did you call for Roscoe?

Mayor: Yes! Tell Roscoe to put a message on the wire that we're going to close any of these places that take bets for less than \$1.

Smitty: OK. I'll tell him.

Edna

1151 Ave Out  
Mayor: 743 (Verne Legerwood)

Legerwood: Hello.

Mayor: This is Leo. I just talked to Bob Dean. I told him that we were going to close any of these book shops that take bets for less than \$1. That will keep a lot of

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these poor fellows from throwing  
away the money, that ought to  
go to their families.

Leggwood: I think that's a good thing.  
Mayor: I told Dean not to give  
that any publicity for I thought  
we could do it better in a  
quiet way.

Leggwood: That's right.

Mayor: I'll work it out.

Hot Springs Ark.  
January 28, 1937.

Memorandum to Inspector E.J. Connelley.

BREKID

Attached are the logs for January 22, 1937, on the taps being maintained on telephones 125,446 and 646 at Hot Springs Ark..

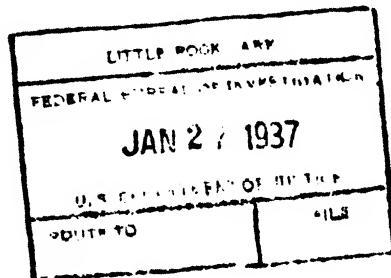
In the telephone call at 9.44 A.M. over #648, Louis of the Kentucky Club (a bookie place), complains to Mayor McLaughlin of his inability to obtain a "Gun" machine, probably referring to some type of slot machine and the mayor indicates he will "fix" it for Louis.

In the telephone call at 9.27 A.M. over telephone #648, The Mayor agrees to "fix" a parking ticket for Judge Fuller of Waldron Ark..

Your attention is directed to the call at 9.40 P.M. over #446, where Mayor McLaughlin warns the police to keep a close watch on the "banks" tonight. Similar calls have been made on other nights by McLaughlin. The "Banks" referred to, by McLaughlin may be legitimate banks, but these calls may refer to the banks or money at the different gambling houses in Hot Springs.

Respectfully submitted.

*D.P. Sullivan*  
D.P. Sullivan  
Special Agent.





Top ...  
and #123 (Chief of Police,  
Hot Springs, Ark.  
Plant at 207-Lourel.

1-22-37.

Has.

2:04 A.M. - In #1  
Officers - Davis & Abbott at 494.

2:05 A.M. - In #1.  
Mrs. Hoffmann - Requested Corrington to call  
her at six A.M.

12:15 A.M. - In #2.  
Geo. Rankin - (Dep. Sher.) Reported to Rogers  
that his informant had just seen  
man exiting from rear door of  
Liberty Cash Grocery carrying package

Rogers - I'll go check it now.

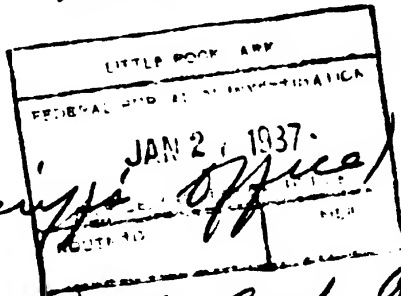
12:20 A.M. - Out #2.

Rogers - Called 613 (Sheriff's Office)

Rankin - Hello.

Rogers - Was that the Liberty Cash Grocery

Rankin - Yes.



Has.

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12:30 Am - In # 1.  
Man - Ben Rogers there?  
Corrington - He's out now.

12:45 Am. - In # 1.  
Man - Rogers back yet?  
Corrington - No.

12:55 Am. - In # 1.  
Man - Rogers in?  
Corrington - No.  
Man - Have they located Louis Hinkle  
Corrington - Don't know. He's not here  
but may be in County jail.

1:00 Am. - In # 1.  
Rogers - Reported having night lanes  
at Baby Elephant Cafe together  
with officers Davis, Murray,  
and Abbott.

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H.H.

1:05 Am - In #1.

Man - Asked for Rogers -  
Corrington - Not here. Call 3606 (Firestone)  
They'll call him to phone.

1:07 Am - In #1.

Rogers - Who wanted me?  
Corrington - Some fellow been trying  
to get you. Told him to  
call the Firestone.

\* Rogers - Its raining too much to cross  
the street. Tell him to call  
the bakery next door here if  
he calls again -

H.H.

1:36 Am - In #1.

Man - Rogers there?

Corrington - No he's not.

Man - Tell him to call 100 (Central gang)

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Hae

1:45 Am. - Out # 1.  
Rogers - Called 100 (Central Garage) - Spoke to  
Fitzwater (night watchman) as to  
whether he had observed the  
Crysler Coupe which chief had  
talked to him about.  
Fitzwater - I saw it twice tonight in  
the same place that it passed  
last night.

Hae

2:10 Am. - In # 1.  
Officers - Abbott & Davis at 777.

2:25 Am. - Out # 2.  
Corrington - To operator - just untangling  
my phone wire.

3:05 Am. - In # 1.  
Officers - Davis & Abbott at 341.  
(Citizens Cigar,

Hae

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Har.

10 Am. - In # 1.  
bott - Reported at 126 (Milwaukee Hotel)  
Inquired whether Floyd Davis  
had gone home.  
Corrington - He left with Rogers.

4:55 Am. - In # 1.  
Officer - Abbott reported in -

Har.

5:50 Am. - In # 1.  
Woman - How many breakfasts?  
Corrington - Nine.

6:01 Am. - Out # 1.  
Corrington - Called 1038 (Mrs. McFunkins) and  
informed her of the time -

7:20 Am. - Out # 1.  
Rogers - Called 3232 - W (his res.)  
informed Mrs. Rogers he would  
be out for breakfast. Har.

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7:35 Am. - Mr # 1.  
Man - asked for Ben Rogers.  
Corrington - He's at breakfast. Be back  
in half an hour.

Has,

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#1 & #2

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7<sup>50</sup> am In #446 ERM  
Murray - City Tail  
Rogers - Murray, this is Rogers. Go  
down to Cash Grocery  
across from the Sentinel  
Record and get Sanders. Hold  
him until I come down there.  
Murray - OK.

8<sup>00</sup> am In #446 ERM  
Call for Capt Rogers - Gone to breakfast.

8<sup>26</sup> am In #446 ERM  
Call for Capt Rogers - Gone to breakfast.

9<sup>05</sup> am Out #446 ERM  
Watkins = 666 (Akers Home)  
Akers = Hello  
Watkins - How are you feeling?  
Akers = Rotten  
Watkins = Anything you need.  
Akers = No - thanks.  
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9<sup>08</sup> AM In #173

Edm

Corrington - City Jail

Ed. Mooney - Is Raspberry there?

Corrington - No, he's in Court.

Ed. Mooney - Ask him to call Ed. Mooney.

9<sup>22</sup> AM In #173

Edm

Corrington - Chief's Office

Judge Fuller - This is Judge Fuller  
from Haldron. My wife  
got a ticket for parking  
in the wrong place. I can't  
get down this morning  
because of the weather. Can  
I fix it later?

Corrington - I don't know but if  
you'll call 648 They can  
tell you -

Judge Fuller - Thank you.



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9:41 A.M. Incoming #123 J.L.M.  
Trucker called #3574 and asked 3 minutes

9:51 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.  
Trucker called Judge Ledgerwood's Office  
(#43) + no one answered.

10:14 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.  
Woman for Watch House - her home  
sick.

10:33 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.  
Man: Do you know where Fitzwater,  
the night watchman lives?  
Dude: On So. Water + Central Ave - the  
third house from the corner on the  
right.

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10<sup>40</sup> In #173 GRW  
Girl called Watkins - lengthy  
conversation - Nothing of importance.

10<sup>57</sup> Out #446 GRW  
man called 3339 (Arch Cooper's residence)  
and asked for Cooper. He was told  
that Arch was not in.

11<sup>02</sup> In #173 GRW  
Call for Akers - At home sick.

11<sup>17</sup> Out #173  
Watkins = 666.  
Akers = Hello -  
Watkins = There's some mail for  
you. Shall I bring it out.  
Akers = Send it out when a  
car comes out this way.  
Watkins = All right.

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11<sup>27</sup> Out #173 E. R. R.  
Rashberry = 1696 (Rashberry's Home)  
Woman - Hello -  
Rashberry - How is the boy?  
Woman - He's all right. He won't  
let me do any work.  
Rashberry - Well, I be out for  
dinner after while.

11<sup>32</sup> In #446 E. R. R.  
Call for Evans - Not in.

11<sup>40</sup> In #173 E. R. R.  
Call for Albers = At home sick.

11<sup>52</sup> Out #446 E. R. R.  
Man = 3574  
Woman - Hello  
Man - Are any of the Trusty's over  
there -  
Woman - No.  
Man - OK. (11)

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15<sup>06</sup> Out # 173 ERM  
Man called 696 and told woman  
he would be out for dinner.

1225 In # 446 ERM  
Fowler - City Jail  
H.A. Zucker: Is Raspberry there?  
Raspberry: Hello -  
H.A. Zucker: Chief, this is H.A. Zucker.  
I'm bring the Sheriff down  
to see you about our  
lady friend. Will you  
be there?

Raspberry: Yes -

1728 Out # 446 ERM  
Raspberry called Mrs. Akers and  
asked how Dutch was feeling  
and if there was any thing he could  
do. Mrs. Akers said that Dutch  
was better and that there was  
nothing to be done. (12)

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1744 In # 446

Call for Dutch = Not in - At home sick. John

1750 In # 173

Officer Cowl from Antadelpia  
Called Watkins = John

Watkins = Hello -

Cowl = Jerry - we talked to  
this girl and we can't  
get anything out of her.  
She claims she was picked  
up by two men and she  
smoked a cigarette they  
gave her and doesn't  
remember anything  
after that. It was probably  
one of those "Mariana"  
cigarettes.

Watkins = What kind of a car was  
it.

Cowl = She thinks it was a Dodge  
but isn't sure. He haven't

anything on her and are  
going to turn her out if  
you don't want her.  
Watkins: Ok - we don't want her.

12<sup>55</sup> Pm. In #183 <sup>John</sup>  
Man called and asked that  
an officer be sent to Craighead  
Laundry.

1<sup>05</sup> Pm In #183 <sup>John</sup>  
Geo. F. Rowe called Raspberry -  
Raspberry = Hello  
Geo. F. Rowe = This is Geo. F. Rowe.  
I would like to see  
you. That time would  
suit you.

Raspberry - Hello. I'm just leaving  
for dinner. How about

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Rowe = All right.

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1:15 PM In #446 <sup>Edna</sup>  
Call for Raspberry - Gone to lunch.

1:27 In #173 <sup>Edna</sup>  
Call for Akers - At home sick -

1:25 In #446 <sup>Edna</sup>  
Officer reported - 3337 Jonestown.

1:40 In #446 <sup>Edna</sup>  
Call for Akers - At home sick -

2:05 In #173 <sup>Edna</sup>  
Fowler - Chief's Office  
Man - Have you got Alexander  
Stephens in jail?  
Fowler - No. He isn't here -  
Man: OK. Thanks -

2:11 In #173 <sup>Edna</sup>  
Mrs Zeigler called & reported theft of rake,  
hose, and wood from her garage.  
(15)

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2:18 In #446 *Edna*  
Officer reported. 3337 Jonestown

2:25 In #446 *Edna*  
Call for Akers = At home sick

2:52 In #173 *Edna*  
Call for Raspberry = Not In.

3:00 In #173 *Edna*  
Call for Watkins = Not In.

3:10 In #173 *Edna*

Call for Watkins =

Watkins = Hello -

Man = Have you got a warrant  
for Woodward?

Watkins = Yes -

Man = What are the charges?

Watkins = Room rent

Man = OK - Thanks.



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318 In # 183

Glenn  
Mr. Scarboro called Chief Raspberry  
and asked him to send to 28  
Scarboro Street for a sick dog.  
Raspberry told Scarboro he would  
report it to City Council.

325 In # 446

Glenn  
Albert Matt reported about  
6 drunks at #604 Crescent St.

327 In # 446

Glenn  
Call for Walter Ebel. Not In -

340 ~~Call~~ In # 183

Glenn  
Zucker - Chief's Office  
Mose Mad: Mr. Zucker this is Mose  
Mead. How is Ben?  
Zucker: He's fine - He is working  
at night now.  
Mose Mad: Ok thanks.

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3<sup>55</sup> Pm In # 446

Edna

Man called and asked that  
red car be sent to 801 - Valley St.  
Police there needed help.

4<sup>10</sup> Pm In # 446

Edna

Zucker = City Jail

Mrs. Harrington = This is Mrs. Harrington.  
Must I come down?

Zucker = No - stay until I send  
for you.

Mrs. Harrington = All right.

4<sup>17</sup> Pm In # 173

Edna

Fowler = Chief's Office

Mrs. Marsh = Has that warrant for  
Ralph Woodward been  
served yet?

Fowler = No - not yet. We'll try to  
find him -

Mrs. Marsh = Well, I wish you would.

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4<sup>13</sup> Pm In #446 Iku  
Officer reporting = 3337 Town town.

4<sup>15</sup> Pm In #123 Iku  
Call for Akers = At home sick.

4<sup>21</sup> Pm Out #446 Iku  
Man called 3574 and ordered  
8 dinners.

4<sup>24</sup> Pm In #123 Iku  
Call for Garnett Moore = Not In.

4<sup>35</sup> Pm In #123 Iku  
Call for Akers = Home Sick -

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5<sup>25</sup> Pm In #446 Ghur  
Officer reported - 3337 Jonestown

5<sup>25</sup> Pm Out #173 Ghur  
Cecil Brock talked to his wife  
at #140 - Nothing of value -

5<sup>27</sup> Pm In #173 Ghur  
Woman reported a fight at  
577 Elizabeth St.

6<sup>15</sup> In #173 Ghur  
Call for Akers: Not In - At home sick

6<sup>31</sup> In #446 Ghur  
Officer reported - 503 Jonestown

6<sup>39</sup> Out #446 Ghur

Man = 180

Man = Goodyear

Man = Have you a Ralph Woodward there?

Man = No - There's no one here by that name

Man = Thanks — (7)

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Hrs

7:55 P.m. - In #2 -  
Man - (news reporter) inquired for any  
news story.

8:05 P.m. - In #1.  
Officers - Reported at 3337 - Jonestown.

8:15 P.m. - In #2.  
Woman - Did you catch Ralph Woodward.  
Fowler - No - we haven't caught him  
yet. Hrs.

8:22 P.m. - In #2.  
Man - Reported tree lying accross street  
on ambrose St.

8:23 P.m. - Out #2  
Fowler - Called 661 (City Barn). Instructed  
Mrs Simpkins to inform her  
husband of tree down accross  
street. Hrs.

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Has.

8:35 P.m. - Out #2.

Mrs Enrie - Advised that Woodward may have gone to Army-Navy Hospital. Call her if he's arrested at 2033-W.

8:38 P.m. - Out #1.

Officer - Called 661 (City Barn). Requested woman to tell Ross Graham to send a "no parking" sign to city jail.

8:45 P.m. - Out #1.

Has.

Fowler - Called 2033-W. Informed Mrs. Enrie that Woodward had not been arrested yet.

8:50 P.m. - Out #2.

Ross Graham - Called 661 (City Barn) and asked woman if any messages.  
woman - Take a "no parking" sign to jail.  
Graham - Ok - I'm there now.

Has.

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HAA.

8:55 Pm. - Out #1.  
Man - Called 1398 (Paramount Theatre) and  
inquired when next show is out.  
Girl - at 9:18.

9:00 Pm. - In #1.  
Woman - Tell. Rogers that Garnett Moore  
is sick tonight. HAA.

9:25 Pm. - In #1.  
Officer - Reported at 511 Jonestown.

9:37 Pm. - In #2.  
Off. - Call from police at Malvern, Ark  
Man - Reported 1933 Chevrolet coach stolen  
at Malvern - occupied by two boys.  
Motor # 3746205. Requested before  
HAA.

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has

9:40 Pm. - In # 1.

McLaughlin - Rogers there?

Corrington - no. Abbott is here.

Abbott - Hello.

McLaughlin - Was that a special train that just came in?

Abbott - Not that I know of.

McLaughlin - Tell Ben (Rogers) to have the boys watch the banks pretty close tonight.

Has.

Abbott - All right.

9:50 Pm. - In # 1.

Rogers - go to 324 East Grand and run out the drunks.

Abbott - All right.

9:55 Pm. - Out # 2.

Ebel (reporter) - Called Western Union for boy to come city jail.

Has

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10:00 Pm. - out #2.

Ebel - Called 3700 (Sentinel-New Era) and secured basket ball scores from Gibbs (reported).

10:03 Pm. - out #2

Man - Called 2944.

girl - Hello.

Man - I'm going home now. Can you get a cab and come out?

girl - All right.

Man - I'm at the jail now. Be home in a few minutes. You know how to get in the back way?

girl - yes. ok.

10:05 Pm. - in #1.

Officers - Kelly & Murray at 116.

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H.H.

10:25 Pm. - In #2-

Man - Is Chief Roshery there?

Officer - He's at home.

Man - What telephone number?

Officer - I don't know.

10:35 Pm. - Out #2.

Man - Called 2495.

Woman - Hello.

Man - They've got him in jail.

Woman - That s.o.b. of a  
whose sister of his put  
him in, I guess.

Man - Yeah - I'll need him at  
six A.M., so will let him  
sober up and bail him out.

10:37 Pm. - In #1-

Officer - Reported at 3462 - Jonestown

H.H.

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Hps.

10:40 P.m. - Out #1.

Man - Called Western Union for  
correct time.

11:05 P.m. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly reported in.  
Hps.

11:25 P.m. - In #2.

Woman - There's no need of coming  
out after me. I've got a  
ride in with a Checker Cab  
driver.

Man - OK.

11:45 P.m. - In #2.

Clerk - (at Marquette Hotel) Requested  
Officers come get drunks at  
the Marquette.  
Hps.

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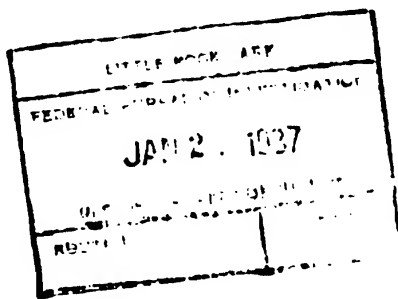
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927 In  
Miss Marr: Mayor's Office -  
Judge Fuller: Hello. Les, this is  
Judge Fuller from Maldron.  
I've got a ticket for parking  
I can't get down this AM  
and wonder if I can fix  
it up later.

Mayor: That's all right Judge. Just  
tear it up and forget it.  
I'll take care of it.

Judge Fuller: Well, thanks! The ticket  
# is 9327.

Mayor: All right.



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9:38 A.M. Antyom

J.L.M.

Major called Long Distance to Hoover Office  
at L.D. # 62, Little Rock -

Umens: Hello -

Major: I just found out about that fellow  
(Dred Bartlett). He's out of jail  
now - he had given some bad  
checks around here, but he made  
restitution and is out now.

Umens: All right - thanks Leo -

9:43 A.M. Antyom

J.L.M.

Major called Long Distance for James R.  
Campbell, at the House of Representatives at  
Little Rock -

Campbell: Hello -

Major: How's every thing look over there?

Campbell: Looks all right -

Major: Have you been talking to the boys

Campbell: Yes, all the time - every thing is  
going along great.

Major: That's fine -

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Campbell: A couple of <sup>the</sup> members are coming over to Hot Springs this afternoon. I wish you would reserve a room for them at the Eastman. Their names are Jim Beck + George Baker. They're two nice boys and have a lot of influence. I'm coming in myself this afternoon. I'll be with them.

Mayor: All right Jim, we can talk this other matter over when you get here, and I'll take care of that room.

J. L. M.

9:47 A.M. Outgoing  
#2410 (Eastman Hotel)

Mayor: Eastman -

Upston: Is Mr. Keaton in -

Mayor: No - here talk with Mr. Wheatley.

Upston: Hello -

Wheatley: Two boys from the House of Representatives at Little Rock are coming over this afternoon.

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Major: and the next rooms over there. Their names are Berk + Baber.

When they'll report, we'll take care of them

9.44 A.M.

I. morning

J. L. M.

Lone: This is Lone of the R. C. Turkey Club. They put things gone (?) machines in every place in town but mine. I wish

Major: you would do something about that. Don't that fellow in your bag over there?

Lone: Yeah. That's what I can't understand. we do all the work for him, + he don't let us have one. This ought to be one of the first places.

Major: Well, you contact him and have him call me

Lone: All right.

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J. L. M.

0 03 A. M.

I'm coming

Sunny Harris: Long thing new -

Mayor: Every thing is sleeping up all night.

" ~~Harris~~:

I talked with the Jew (?) and the man I want to see - they're beginning to see that the whole thing is Scott Hood's politics.

Sunny Harris:

This recent Clark sort of brought Scott Hood's name into the limelight.

Mayor:

Yeah - he thought he would just have to sit back and let the powers do the work.

Sunny Harris: Call me later -

10:14 A. M.

I'm coming

(Harris: This is the Harris I know - I know (L.M.) John Harris wants to see the Mayor - can he come over now?

Miss Marsh: Yes -



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11.15 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.  
Earl Witt. May I speak to Leo -  
Miss Marsh. He's out just now, but will  
be back in two minutes.  
Where are you now?

Earl Witt. I'm at home now.  
Miss Marsh. All right, I'll have him  
call you.

11.17 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.  
Woman. This is the New Park Hospital.  
John Kirkson's bill - is it ready  
to be paid?

Mayor. It'll go up before the council when  
it meets around the first of the month.

Woman. All right, thank you.

10.17 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.  
Mayor. 2234 (Earl Witt)

Woman. Hello -

Mayor. Is the judge there?

Witt. Hello -

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Mayer: And you call?  
Kitt: J. A. Murphy was at the race track last year with some horses. He lived right down to me and we became pretty friendly. He wants to come back here this year with two or three horses, + he wants + asked me if we could reserve him a couple of stalls at the track.

Mayer: Call Mr. Schroeder or Mr. Berry at the track + ask them to make reservations for two or three stalls.

Earl Kitt: You call them Leo - you know them better than I do.

Mayer: All right.  
Earl Kitt: How's every thing else -

Mayer: Just fine - things are shaping up  
a couple of days from now there are coming over this afternoon to spend the week-end here.

Earl Kitt: I'm still lousy with my cold  
Mayer: You take good care of that.

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10:21 A.M. Antyoning J.L.M.  
Miss Marsh: #2091  
Mrs. Schroeder: Hello -  
Miss Marsh: I want to get in touch with  
Mr. Berry - has he a  
phone installed there?  
Mrs. Schroeder: No, he lives at the Eastman  
Hotel -

10:24 A.M. Antyoning J.L.M.  
Miss Marsh: #2410  
Operator: Eastman -  
Miss Marsh: Eugene Berry, please.  
Berry: Hello -  
Miss Marsh: J. A. Murphy is interested in  
getting two or three stalls at  
the track. Judge Witt is  
interested in the man, + Lee  
wants you to call the judge  
+ let him know whether he  
can have them.  
Berry: All right, Miss Marsh.  
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10<sup>54</sup> AM Out

Edna

Mayor placed call for Charles  
Cella at St. Louis.

Cella - Hello -

Mayor - Hello. This is Leo. How is  
the weather up there?

Cella - It's snowing and is very cold.

Mayor - Well, I went over to Little  
Rock yesterday. There wasn't  
room for the Racing Commission  
at the State House so they  
moved all the records out  
to the home of Ed. Farris and  
held the meeting there. We  
had a fine meeting. All  
the fellows are pretty young  
but are a swell bunch. They  
have played the horses some  
and seem to know what it is  
all about. I went over this  
whole thing. It took a little  
explanation. And then I went

over the whole thing from your  
stand point.

Cella: What about this new bill?

Mayor: Well, they are all against the  
bill realizing that it would  
cut down the state's revenue.  
They are all determined to keep  
the thing as it is. Hillier I  
said he had talked to the  
Governor and the Governor  
is not in favor of any change

Cella: That's good.

Mayor: Tell an any of that technical  
stuff you want fixed just  
let me know. The whole  
Commission said they would  
stand back of me in every-  
thing.

Cella: Do you think <sup>they</sup> want me  
to submit a list of the track  
officials by January 28.

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Mayor = I don't think that is necessary. They said we could get all that fixed up without any trouble.

Cella = How did Ed. Farris act?

Mayor = Never better. He hasn't had a drink in a long time.

Cella = That's fine.

Mayor = They asked for a figure as to the state income from the tracks. Farris told them that last year the State received from the Horse and dog tracks a sum of about \$374,000.

Cella = Well the greater part of that was from the Horses.

Mayor = Yes. Farris pointed that out.

Cella = Well. That is fine Leo. I think I've got a good attorney.

Mayor = Ok -

(11)

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11<sup>16</sup> Am Out

Edna

Miss Marsh - 11:20 - No Answer

11<sup>20</sup> Am In

Edna

Miss Marsh - Mayor's Office

Bill Marks - Is the Mayor in?

Mayor - Hello -

Bill Marks - Mayor - did you ask  
one of these Music machines  
for the Buckhorn Bar.

Mayor - Well, this is what I said.  
That they could put it in  
but if the neighbors kicked  
about it we'd have to put  
a stop to it.

Bill Marks - All right. Thanks.

11<sup>27</sup> Am In

Edna

Mayor - Hello -

Richard Ryan - This is Ryan - did you call me

Mayor - I saw Mr. Odham - he can  
tell you -

Richard Ryan - OK. Thank you. (17)

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11<sup>33</sup> Out

Blue

Mayor = 314 (Chamber of Commerce)

Woman = Hello -

Mayor = Is Mr. Hotchkiss in?

Woman = No. Will you leave your number?

Mayor = No -

11<sup>34</sup> Out

Blue

Mayor = 3400

Woman = Arkansas Nat'l Bank.

Mayor = Mr. Higgins, please.

Higgins = Hello -

Mayor = Has Hotchkiss been over there?

Higgins = No -

Mayor = I was over with the Racing Commission yesterday.

Everything is looking fine.

Higgins = Well, that's fine.

11<sup>45</sup>

Miss Marsh called 1124 and asked  
man to send Jack to Mayor's office.



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11<sup>40</sup> In # 648

Edna

Mayon = Hello -

Lyle = Les - This is Lyle. I'd like you make the address of welcome at the Bottler's Convention on the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Eastman Hotel.

Mayon = All right - Call me before then and remind me.

Lyle = OK - Thanks -

11<sup>47</sup> In # 648

Edna

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office

E. Karston = Is the Mayor in?

Mayon = Hello -

E. Karston = Did you want me?

Mayon = Yes. Two of those fellows from the Legislature are coming over. I suppose will have to take care of a room for them.

E. Karston = Who, glass in the snakes?

Mayor = No, they are friends. The  
have a lot of friends  
over there.  
E. Karston = Ok. I'll have the clerks  
look out for them.  
Mayor = All right.

12<sup>10</sup> AM In #648 Glen  
Roy Erney, Chief Deputy Sheriff called  
the Mayor and asked if the City would  
furnish 1 truck and driver to go  
to Little Rock after a load of powdered  
milk for Welfare Board. Mayor  
said he would furnish a truck  
and driver. Told Erney to call  
Jim at the City Barn and tell him.

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2<sup>35</sup> Pm In

Lhm

Mayor = Hello -

Jerry Mitt = This is Jerry Mitt. How  
did you find things?

Mayor = Just fine -

Jerry Mitt = I saw Earl and he's feeling  
better -

Mayor = That's fine -

Jerry Mitt = That Lawyer Thompson - He's  
going to be the main figure  
in that thing.

Mayor = Well, you keep close to Earl  
and keep him in good shape.

Jerry Mitt = All right -

3<sup>00</sup> Pm In

Lhm

Mayor = Hello

Marion Anderson = Are you going to be  
there for about 5 minutes.

Mayor = Yes -

M. Anderson = Well, I'm coming right down

Mayor - OK - (16)

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3<sup>30</sup> In

Edna

Clyde Brown called Mayor and asked if he could come over to see him about a wreck of one of the City's Trucks. The Mayor told him to ~~come~~ call back tomorrow

3<sup>40</sup> Out

Edna

Miss March called Violet #184 (Clerk's office and asked if her Callers ~~was~~ there. Violet said it was. Miss March asked that she give it to the Mayor when he came by.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 26, 1937.

## MEMORANDUM

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, located Joe Roscoe, reputed gambling king of Toledo, Ohio, at Miami, Florida, on January 23, 1937. Roscoe was questioned by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to his association with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who were wanted for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. Karpis also was sought for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy brewer of St. Paul, Minnesota. Alvin Karpis was apprehended by Special Agents of the FBI at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, and is presently serving a life sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr. Harry Campbell was apprehended by Special Agents of the FBI at Toledo, Ohio, on May 7, 1936, and he is likewise serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Roscoe was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 17, 1936, with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Benson Groves, Fred Hunter, John Zetser and John Brock for the perpetration of a mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, in which \$34,000 in cash together with several thousand dollars in securities was obtained by the robbers. Fred Hunter was apprehended with Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, Louisiana, and is presently serving a two year sentence at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, for harboring Karpis. John Zetser and John Brock are presently in Federal custody at Cleveland, Ohio, pending trial in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery. Benson Groves is still at large.

As a matter of cooperation with the Post Office Inspection Service, Joe Roscoe is being turned over by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Post Office Inspectors at Miami, Florida, for prosecution on the indictment pending against him for the robbery of the United States Mails.

A copy of the criminal record of Joe Roscoe as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is attached hereto.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 29, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will confirm conversation had with Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau on Sunday, January 24, 1937, at which time Mr. Foxworth instructed the writer to direct Special Agent E.J. Wynn to proceed to Miami, Florida, on the first available transportation and to advise him of the accommodations of the said Agent and when the said Agent would arrive in Florida.

At this time Mr. Foxworth was advised that Special Agent E.J. Wynn was under subpoena to appear at Detroit, Michigan, on January 27, 1937, to testify in the case entitled STANLEY ARTHUR MILLER et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Mr. Foxworth instructed the writer to contact with Special Agent in Charge H.H. Reinecke for the purpose of effecting the release of Special Agent E.J. Wynn from the said subpoena and suggested that Special Agent in Charge Reinecke be advised to inform the United States Attorney at Detroit, Michigan, that an emergency had arisen making it impossible for the said Special Agent to be available. Mr. Foxworth stated that every effort would be made to get Mr. Wynn back from Miami as soon as possible.

The writer called Special Agent in Charge H.H. Reinecke on the telephone and advised him of the situation. Special Agent in Charge Reinecke advised that it would be all right for Mr. Wynn to proceed to Miami and that he would arrange if possible to have the case postponed until Special Agent Wynn would be available.

Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau was advised then by telephone that Special Agent E.J. Wynn was leaving for Miami, Florida, on the New York Central Railroad, via Washington, D.C., at 8:55 pm, January 24, 1937. A request was made of Mr. Foxworth to arrange if possible a reservation for Special Agent Wynn on the Eastern Air Lines leaving Washington, D.C., at 11:00 am Monday, January 25, 1937. It was mentioned to Mr. Foxworth that if Special Agent Wynn could not get air accommodations which would put him in Miami at 6:30 pm Monday night, he would then arrive by train in Miami, Florida, at 8:30 am on January 26, 1937.

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Mr. Foxworth indicated that he would handle the matter of making the reservation requested.

Very truly yours,

*J.P. MacFarland*  
J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 26, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephonic instructions received from Mr. R.C. Suran of the Bureau the writer contacted United States Attorney Merich B. Freed for the purpose of effecting arrangements to secure possession of such warrants as may be issued in the harboring cases pending at Toledo, Ohio, when and if an indictment is returned.

Mr. Freed indicated that when and if prosecutive action is initiated in the harboring cases, it will be absolutely necessary for Inspector E.J. Connelley to be available in this Division to assist in the arrests of the subjects and the trial of the cases.

Such warrants as may be issued in connection with the harboring cases, Mr. Freed assures the writer, will be immediately turned over to this Field Division for service.

Mr. Freed indicated that he would keep this Division fully informed of any action he initiates or takes in this case.

It was mentioned by Mr. Freed that this matter is pending a decision by the Department with reference to prosecutive action.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland  
J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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THE QUEENSBURY  
Glens Falls, NY.

Jan. 12, 1937

President Roosevelt,  
Whitehouse,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On March 20th, 1936 I was in Mr. Hoovers office in Dep't of Justice Bldg in Washington. Though I did not see Mr. Hoover I did see the next man in line to him, and gave him certain information that so far I have not even had a thank you. I was in Longview, Texas all last winter and gained information about Karpis the kidnapper & also Louisianne. They were both taken within two weeks after I gave this information & within a short distance from there.

I am asking you Mr. President, if you wont please have this investigated to see if I am entitled to any recognition.

Very truly yours,

(S) Harry L. Sherman  
c/o Y.M.C.A.  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

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Mr. Harry L. Sherman,  
c/o Young Men's Christian Association,  
Glens Falls, New York.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Your letter dated January 15, 1937, addressed to the President of the United States, has been referred to me for attention.

I have to advise you that the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not indicate the information furnished by you resulted in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. The files of this bureau also fail to reflect any record of an individual by the name of "Louisianne", but it is presumed that you probably refer to Charles Luciano, who was apprehended by state authorities at Hot Springs, Arkansas and who was not being sought by this bureau for a violation of a Federal law.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Buffalo

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Mr. W. A. Smith,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 22, 1936, in which you were instructed to interview the local officers at East Plains, Missouri for the purpose of ascertaining the actual merits of the murder charge pending at that place against Alvin Karpis.

It is believed that the officials who have recently taken office at East Plains, Missouri should be interviewed and the Bureau fully advised as to what action they desire to take in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-27-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-18&amp;19-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. P. BARBER</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>GOC</b></div>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TILNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Death of Charles Clark Sprout at home of James T. Horner, R.R.#4, Box #294, verified. Mrs. Ida B. Groves, 7 Burlington Ave., Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Jessie Davis, 4901 West 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio, and James T. Sprout, Imperial, Penn., determined to be sisters and brother respectively of Sprout. Mr. Charles Wagner, 2013 East 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio, informant, stated Groves not at home of Ida B. Groves. Wagner in position to develop information concerning Groves' whereabouts. Mail covers placed on mail of above relatives.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">P.</p> <p>Reference: Report of Special Agent Eugene X. Humphrey, dated at Indianapolis, Ind., on 12-22-36; report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, dated at Pittsburgh, Penn., on 12-24-36.</p> <p>Details: <u>AT DAYTON, OHIO.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. I. S. Richmond, Deputy Clerk, Probate Court of Montgomery County, Ohio, upon examining his records, advised that they failed</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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to reflect that either a testate or intestate estate of Charles Sprout had been filed for probate during the last year.

An examination of the Dayton, Ohio, Postal Directory disclosed that one Ida B. Groves was presently residing at #7 Burlington Ave. A further check disclosed that one David L. Miller, whose occupation was listed as a carpenter, also resided at this address. It was also ascertained from the same source that James T. Horner resided at Dayton, Ohio, Rural Route #4, P.O. Box #294.

It was ascertained through an interview with Mrs. Gertrude Sprout, Rural Route #4, P.O. Box 294, who was interviewed by Agents under the pretext that he was an investigator from the State Board of Health investigating the reason why a death certificate reflecting the death of her husband had not been recorded with the Montgomery County Board of Health, that her husband, Charles Clark Sprout had died at the home of James T. Horner, at the above address on October 7, 1936, at the age of 72 years and that he died penniless. It was ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. Sprout had been living with the Horner family for the past two years and that Mrs. Sprout intended to return to her home at 6236 Van Buren St., Hammond, Indiana, in the near future. It was further developed through Mrs. Sprout that the following persons were relatives of her husband, together with their relationship:

Mrs. Ida B. Sprout, sister, 7 Burlington Ave., Dayton, Ohio;  
Mrs. Jessie Davis, sister, 4901 West 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio;  
Mr. James T. Sprout, brother, Imperial, Penn.

Mrs. Sprout related during the course of the interview that she had recently visited some of her relatives residing in Pennsylvania; however, she did not mention their names or addresses and it was not deemed advisable to attempt to obtain them from her, in view of the fact that it was felt that the identity of these relatives could be ascertained through a mail cover placed on her mail. It is to be noted that James T. Horner's wife, deceased, was a sister of Charles Sprout.

Agent exhibited the photograph of Benson Groves to Ralph Taylor, mail carrier, who delivers mail out of Station A, which cover Ida B. Groves' address, with negative results. Mr. Taylor stated that he had only recently been assigned to that route and had not observed anyone who looked like Groves at the home of Mrs. Ida B. Groves. He was unable to furnish any information concerning David L. Miller, who his change of address book reflected, also resided at that address. Mr. Taylor was requested to make a particular effort in the future to determine whether or not anyone answering the description of Groves' photograph was residing at the home of Mrs. Groves.



Mr. C. V. Richey, Superintendent of Station A, Dayton Post Office, was interviewed for the purpose of securing the name of a person residing in the vicinity who might act as an informant to develop if Groves was visiting or in contact with Mrs. Ida B. Groves. Mr. Richey suggested the name of Mr. Charles Wagner, 2013 East 3rd St., who he advised had lived in that vicinity for the past forty-five years and who could be trusted as a reliable informant. Mr. Richey was furnished with the telephone number and address of the Cincinnati Division and was instructed to immediately advise that office of any information carrier Taylor might furnish him relative to the appearance of Benson Groves at the home of Mrs. Ida B. Groves.

Mr. Charles Wagner on interview and upon being exhibited a photograph of Groves, stated that he had not observed him in that vicinity. On further studying the photograph, he stated that it greatly resembled a man whom he had observed at Germantown, Ohio, several months ago. He further advised that he was acquainted with David L. Miller, a retired carpenter, who resided at #7 Burlington Avenue, and that he could approach him without arousing his suspicion, to ascertain if Mrs. Groves knew of Benson Groves' whereabouts. Mr. Wagner was furnished with the telephone number and address of the Cincinnati Division office and requested to immediately communicate with that office in event he developed any information concerning Benson Groves.

Mr. H. W. Pleasant, Assistant Postmaster, Dayton, Ohio, was contacted in the absence of Postmaster C. M. Greer, and requested to furnish the Cincinnati Division with mail tracings of all first-class mail delivered to the following:

Mr. James T. Horner,  
Mrs. Gertrude Sprout,  
Rural Route #4, Box 294, Dayton, Ohio;

Mrs. Ida B. Groves,  
Mr. David L. Miller,  
7 Burlington Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Jessie Davis,  
4901 West 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio.

Further investigation for the purpose of locating Groves was discontinued at this time and no effort was made to conduct an investigation in the vicinity of the Davis residence, in view of the fact that it was felt that informant Wagner, through his close acquaintance with David L. Miller, will be able to develop information concerning the whereabouts of Benson Groves through Miller in the very near future and that continued investigation might result in Groves being apprised that

an investigation was being conducted to locate him.

Undeveloped Leads:

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION, at Imperial, Penn., will locate James T. Sprout, uncle of Benson Groves, and discreetly ascertain if Groves is in contact with him.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION at Dayton, Ohio, will keep in contact with informant Charles Wagner, 2013 East 3rd St. Will report the results of mail covers placed on the mail of the relatives of Groves. Will, in event information of value is not developed through informant Wagner, consider the advisability of conducting further investigation to determine if Groves is in contact with any of his relatives in Dayton, Ohio.

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1130 Enquirer Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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January 27, 1937

Mr. C. N. Greer,  
Postmaster,  
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of the verbal request of Special Agent A. F. Barber of January 16, 1937, it is requested that you furnish this office mail tracings of all first-class mail delivered to the following persons, for a period of 30 days:

Mrs. Ida B. Groves, and  
David L. Miller,  
7 Burlington Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Gertrude Sprout, and  
James T. Horner,  
Rural Route 4, P.O. Box 294,  
Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Jessie Davis,  
4901 West 3rd St.,  
Dayton, Ohio.

In forwarding the above tracings kindly refer to our file #7-43.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau  
RE BREKID, #7-43.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Miami, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/27/37.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/21-26/37.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. K. McKee.</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1232; et al. Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Joseph Roscoe apprehended at Miami Beach, Fla., 1/23/37. Executed removal waiver. During questioning admitted making acquaintance of principal subjects this case at Toledo, Ohio, during spring of 1934, and of having learned true identities and of indictment this case from newspapers and magazines in fall of 1934; states met various subjects through Willie Harrison and Angus brothers; admits association with and assistance to Karpis and Campbell after learning true identities. States was present at Zetzer Garage, Port Clinton, Ohio, when Garrettsville mail loot was divided, and received \$1,000 of proceeds from Karpis. Information of possible value as to Dr. Joseph P. Moran furnished.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT MIAMI and MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:**

This investigation is based upon a telephonic conversation on the night of January 20, 1937, from Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland Field Division, to the Miami Field Division, in which Agent Wynn advised that the Cleveland Press on the same date had carried articles reflecting the indictment of Joe Roscoe, John Zetzer and Benson Groves, along with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and John Brock for participation in the Garrettsville train

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>R. L. Shivers</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">7-15-16 + 12-1-37</div>
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robbery. It was stated that Zetzer had been apprehended but that Roscoe and Groves were fugitives.

Agent Wynn advised that information obtained through a confidential informant, namely: a maid working in the home of Roscoe at Toledo, Ohio, was that Roscoe left Toledo some time between the past Christmas and New Years, and was believed to be residing at the present time either in Miami or Miami Beach on Pennsylvania Avenue at a number composed of four digits. He is said to be driving a 1935 Buick coupe bearing 1936 Ohio licenses number 3537-F, which are good in the State of Ohio until April 1, 1937.

It was also stated that information was that Roscoe might also be living at a summer resort located on an island across a river from a town called Everglades, this town being in Florida, and that access to the island in question is had by a boat, and in order to secure the boat it is necessary to shout from the mainland to somebody on the island.

Agent Wynn also stated that Roscoe is said to have an interest in the Triangle Gun Club of Miami Beach, Florida. Mention was also made of the fact that Roscoe is contemplating visiting his mother in Italy and for this reason he might attempt to secure a passport.

Agent Wynn stated that the Cleveland Field Division had been in telephonic communication with Mr. R. C. Suran at the Bureau, and that a most discreet investigation had been instructed for the purpose of locating Roscoe. It was stated that the fact that we were making an investigation looking toward Roscoe's location was not to be made public in any way, and that if we were successful in locating him the Bureau should be telephoned for instructions prior to taking any action in the way of arresting him. It was also stated that in conducting investigation with respect to Roscoe, it should be borne in mind that Benson Groves might be with him or in communication with him.

At the time of the above telephonic conversation, the following description of Joseph Roscoe was furnished:

Age	46 Years (Born in Italy)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	190 pounds
Build	Heavy, shoulders slightly humped
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black and wavy
Eyes	Blue
Teeth	Fair
Face	Clean shaven

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in corner of mouth.

On the night of January 20, 1937, Mr. R. C. Suran, of the Bureau, telephoned to Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers, at the Miami Field Division, and instructed that the Cleveland Field Division was to ascertain if a capias or warrant had been issued for the arrest of Roscoe and in the event process had been issued it was desired that this division apprehend Roscoe if he could be located in the district, and that in event he were apprehended he should be questioned concerning the harboring cases at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, and that the Bureau should be immediately advised if he were located. Mr. Suran directed that Roscoe not be apprehended unless the Cleveland Field Division advised that process was outstanding.

On January 21, 1937, Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, of the Cleveland Field Division, advised telephonically that a warrant had been issued at Toledo, Ohio, for the arrest of Roscoe, based on the indictment returned against him in connection with the Garrettsville train robbery.

On January 21, 1937, observations were made during both the day and night along Pennsylvania Avenue in Miami Beach, Florida, in an effort to locate the Buick coupe belonging to Roscoe through the Ohio license plates which it bore. However, results in this respect were negative. It is to be stated that Pennsylvania Avenue is only ten blocks in length and is taken up mainly by apartment houses and small hotels.

Inquiry was made through Manager Watkins, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Manager Rogers, of the Postal Telegraph Company, for an address as to Joseph Roscoe, but it was determined that neither of these companies were in possession of such an address.

Inquiries through Chief of Detectives Ed Carpenter, of the Miami Beach Police Department, and Mr. Wigman, of the Miami Rifle, Pistol and Skeet Club, failed to reflect any information as to the existence of an organization, either in Miami, Miami Beach or vicinity, known as the Triangle Gun Club.

Reference to the Postal Guide reflected that there is a town known as Everglades located some eighty miles from Miami, on the West coast of Florida. The writer and Special Agent R. T. Noonan proceeded to Everglades, Florida, and made inquiries through F. S. Lewis,

Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and his wife, Mrs. F. S. Lewis, the Postmistress, but no information could be obtained indicating the presence of Roscoe in this town.

It is to be stated that there is an island located just off the town of Everglades, and that a resort known as The Poinciana Camp is located on same. Further, that access to this camp is had by shouting across the river to some one at the camp who then comes to the mainland by a boat. Mrs. George Van Schoik, who operates the Poinciana Camp with her husband, was interviewed and it was ascertained that the resort has only had two visitors this season, namely: one Joe Brown, who is from New Jersey, and one Joseph C. Gribbin, an attorney at law from Toledo, Ohio. Descriptions of these individuals were obtained and they in no way coincided with that of Roscoe. Gribbin had left a portfolio at the camp upon his departure, and a search of same reflected a business card from which it was learned that he is an attorney at law with offices located in the West Toledo Standard Building, 638 Phillips Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Inquiries through Lieutenant Erickson, of the United States Coast Guard, Miami, Florida, resulted in the information that there is a town known as Port Everglades located about two miles south of Hollywood, Florida, on the East Coast. The writer proceeded to Port Everglades and ascertained that it is a recent development used at the present time as a harbor by oil companies. Several oil companies also have large storage tanks at this point. Inquiry through a local storekeeper reflected that there is no island located in this section which is used for residential or camping purposes.

On the late afternoon of January 21, 1937, Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland telephoned the Miami Field Division that the attorney for Roscoe at Toledo, Ohio, had advised one of the Assistant United States Attorneys at Toledo that the last address he had for Roscoe was 2332 Liberty Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, in care of Carter's Place.

Special Agents R. J. Untreiner and B. L. Farrell proceeded to Carter's place around dinner time on January 21, 1937, and maintained a surveillance of persons dining in the place, with negative results. It is to be stated that Carter's Place is being operated at the present time as a high class restaurant. Information is that during the season of 1935-36 gambling was operated in this place, and is to be commenced during the present season on or about January 26, 1937. The

place is owned and operated by George R. K. Carter and Tommy McGinty.

George R. K. Carter was interviewed at his place of business on the night of January 21, 1937, by Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers and the writer. In response to questions he advised that he was not acquainted with Joe Roscoe, but that this individual might be known to his partner, Tommy McGinty. It is to be stated that Carter's attitude at the time of this interview was one of anything except frankness, and that very little credence was placed in what he had to say.

For the sake of brevity, and also that the information might be incorporated at this point, it is stated that Joe Roscoe, following his apprehension, advised that he has been acquainted with Carter for possibly five years, has borrowed money from him on occasions, and has been in contact with him on several occasions during his present visit in Miami. Roscoe did state, however, that he did not believe Carter knew at what hotel he was stopping.

Tommy McGinty was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Shivers and the writer on January 22, 1937, and when questioned with respect to Roscoe he advised that he has known Roscoe for a number of years and knew him to be in Miami at the present time. He stated that he had seen him a few days prior to the instant interview, at which time Roscoe remarked that he was stopping at some hotel in Miami. McGinty professed not to know the name of this hotel at the time of the interview.

It is stated at this point that Roscoe, following his apprehension, advised that he has known McGinty for possibly twenty years, has seen him on several occasions during his instant trip, and was in possession of a memorandum from the Columbus Hotel, at which place he stopped until January 20, 1937, reflecting that McGinty telephoned him at 2:20 P.M. January 19, 1937.

On January 22, 1937, contact was had with the Miami Beach Police Department and the Miami Police Department, requesting that their scout cars be on the lookout for a Buick coupe bearing 1936 Ohio licenses number 3537-F. These broadcasts were made with instructions that only the location of the Buick coupe was desired, and that no action was to be taken as to any persons occupying it in the event it was located. Following the apprehension of Roscoe both of these radio bulletins were cancelled.

On the morning of January 23, 1937, the writer and Special Agent G. S. Goshorn made additional observations along Pennsylvania Avenue in Miami Beach in an effort to locate Roscoe's automobile. No success was had. These Agents commenced a house to house canvass



of the various buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue in an effort to locate Roscoe. Through Mrs. Adler, Manager of the Robert Fulton Apartment, 1527 Pennsylvania Avenue, it was ascertained that Joseph Roscoe and his wife had occupied an apartment in this building during the season of 1935-36, and had come to the apartment from the Fleetwood Hotel.

John Hurst, Manager of the Fleetwood Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, was interviewed by the writer and it was ascertained that he had only taken up his duties as manager of this hotel during the current season. He ascertained from the Chief Clerk of the hotel that Roscoe was known to him but had not been seen in the place during the current season.

Shortly after leaving the Fleetwood Hotel and enroute to continue the house to house canvass of Pennsylvania Avenue the writer and Agent Goshorn observed Roscoe's Buick coupe, bearing 1936 Ohio license No. 3537-F, parked at a point on 14th Street just west of Washington Avenue. A large apartment house was located directly across the street from the point where the car was parked. Inquiries were made of the manager of this apartment building in an effort to ascertain if Roscoe was residing at the place, and while this interview was taking place a man answering Roscoe's description was seen to enter his car. Agents approached the car and ascertained the occupant to be Joseph Roscoe. He was taken into custody at approximately 11:30 A.M. January 23, 1937, and taken to the offices of the Miami Field Division.

Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers advised the Bureau telephonically of the apprehension of Roscoe and received instructions to keep him in custody at the office for questioning until instructions as to what disposition was to be made of him were received.

A voluntary waiver of removal and a statement to the effect that he was remaining in the Miami Field Division voluntarily were executed by Roscoe on the afternoon of January 23, 1937, and same are being made a part of this file at the Miami Field Division.

Roscoe advised that he left Toledo, Ohio, alone approximately eight or nine days before Christmas, 1936, and drove to Miami, where he registered at the Columbus Hotel as J. L. Roscoe. He said he checked out of the Columbus Hotel on January 21, 1937, and took an apartment at the Ocean View Hotel located on the ocean approximately two miles south of Hollywood, Florida. He advised that he had paid \$200.00 as rental for this apartment up to and including May 1, 1937. He said he saw both George Carter and

Tommy McGinty on January 21st, but he could not recall whether he told them of having moved to the Ocean View Hotel. He has been acquainted with George Carter for approximately five years, and has known McGinty for over twenty years. Roscoe said he is not interested in any local business, and came to Miami solely for his health, claiming that he was suffering from rheumatism badly in one knee, and that he came to Miami for the season. He advised that he reads the Cleveland, Ohio, newspapers and that he read of his indictment in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery a couple of days ago. He stated that it was his intention to return to Cleveland on or about January 25, 1937, in order to furnish a bond in connection with his indictment. However, it is to be noted that his recent rental of an apartment and payment of \$200.00 as season rental was in conflict with his statement that he intended to return to Cleveland.

On January 24, 1937, the writer and Special Agent R. T. Noonan secured Roscoe's effects from the Ocean View Hotel and brought them to the Miami Field Division. A suit of clothes and overcoat which he had left at the White Star Cleaners, Hollywood, Florida, were also obtained for him.

Roscoe's attitude at the present time is somewhat one of frankness. He endeavors to impress the fact that he is willing to answer any questions concerning any subject. However, it is noted that his answers to questions are such that they might well be termed as self-serving. A large group of photographs of various persons connected with this case were displayed to Roscoe and from this group he identified a large number as persons with whom he had come in contact, and the individuals whom he has identified include the principal subjects in this entire investigation.

Advice to the effect that Roscoe was talking somewhat frankly was communicated telephonically to Mr. Foxworth, of the Bureau, on January 24, 1937, and he later advised Special Agent in Charge Shivers that Special Agent E.J. Wynn, of the Cleveland Field Division, was coming to Miami to assist in questioning of Roscoe. Mr. Foxworth requested that all information obtained from Roscoe at the then present time be reported to the Bureau. Inasmuch as it is anticipated that all statements made by Roscoe will be taken in written form following the arrival of Special Agent Wynn, the information he has furnished thus far is being set out herein in brief form under the names of the various individuals to whom it refers.

#### ALVIN KARPIS -

Roscoe states he first met Karpis during the spring of 1934 at the Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio, through Bert Angus. He only knew him by

the name of Slim. He thought Karpis was working on the boats inasmuch as he and his associates wore naval caps. He saw Karpis' picture in newspapers and magazines in the fall of 1934, and at that time learned he was Alvin Karpis and was under indictment in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the Bremer kidnaping. Roscoe was unable to state the particular newspaper or magazine in which he had seen Karpis' photograph. He remembered that during the spring of 1934 either Karpis or Fred Barker had their hands bandaged for about a week but he professed not to know the reason for the bandages. He admitted having seen Karpis on numerous occasions after learning his true identity, and mentioned that he had gone to see him on at least three or four occasions at Edith Barry's house in Toledo, and on several occasions at the home of Edith McGraw. He also said he saw him on several occasions at the Casino Club after knowing his identity. He claimed he last saw him at John Zetzer's garage at Port Clinton, Ohio, after the Garrettsville mail robbery, at which time Benson Groves, Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter and one other man (whom he did not know) were present.

Roscoe claimed that Karpis owes him about \$1800.00, which had been loaned in amounts of two to five hundred dollars, the last loan being in the fall of 1935, about a month or so prior to the Garrettsville train robbery. He said that on the night he saw Karpis and the others in Zetzer's garage Karpis gave him a package of money and told him that was some of the money he owed him. Roscoe said he took the package home and upon opening same found it contained \$1,000.00 in \$1.00 bills, and that he deposited this money in his checking account at the Toledo Trust Company on the following morning. Roscoe said that after Karpis gave him this package of money he, Roscoe, left the garage in his 1935 Buick coupe, being accompanied by Campbell and Groves, and that he let these individuals out of his car at the Armory in Port Clinton, at which time they said they were going to get their car.

Roscoe claimed that his relationship with Karpis was actuated more or less by fear for his own life; that he loaned money to him for this reason, and when asked to meet him he always went through with the meeting because he did not want any trouble. He stated that Karpis never contacted him directly, but always did so through Fred Hunter; that Hunter would come to him and advise that a party wanted to see him or would telephone and communicate similar advice, and that when this happened he would always find Karpis to be the party in question. Roscoe stated that during the period when he first became acquainted with Karpis and others of the mob that Willie Harrison told him the mob were "the hottest men in the country". He said Willie Harrison did not elaborate on this statement, and that he did not question Harrison further concerning it. He also advised that Old Charlie Fitzgerald, whom he had known

for years, advised him during the spring of 1934 that "the boys" were hotter than firecrackers. He said that both Bert and Ted Angus also told him that "the boys" were hot, but that he did not ask them to elaborate.

Roscoe blames Willie Harrison and Bert and Ted Angus for any trouble he might have in connection with his associations with Karpis and others. He said he had heard it rumored for months around Toledo that the G-men were making an investigation of the various people who were associated with Karpis and the rest of the mob, and that he expected to be questioned about the mob a long time ago.

CHARLES J. FITZGERALD -

Roscoe said he has known Fitzgerald as "Old Charlie" for about twenty years; that when he first knew him he was engaged in the liquor business with Al Yonkers. He said he has heard of Fitzgerald's wife, Belle, but has never met her. He said Fitzgerald was in Toledo in the spring and summer of 1934 with "the boys" and spent most of his time drinking with them around the old Casino Club. He said Fitzgerald was wearing a cane at the time and that one of his legs seemed to be in very bad shape. He said he had seen Fitzgerald at Edith Barry's house on one occasion, but he could not recall whom he was with. Roscoe knows Fitzgerald as an old time bank robber.

RUSSELL GIBSON -

Roscoe stated he met Gibson, as "Big Slim", at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, during the spring of 1934 through Bert and Ted Angus and Willie Harrison. He described Slim as a tough guy, and said in his opinion he was by far the toughest member of the Barker-Karpis mob. He stated that Slim borrowed money from him on several occasions, and that these loans were practically extorted. He claimed that Slim probably owes him \$5,000.00 at the present time. He said that Slim used to run around with "Doc" Barker most of the time, and that frequently Ollie Berg was also in their company.

Roscoe recited an instance of Slim having come to his house at about 4:00 A.M. for the purpose of securing \$500.00, and when he told him he did not have the money he said "Get it and be at the Jovial Club at 10:00 in the morning". Roscoe said he did give Gibson \$500.00 at the appointed time and place.

Roscoe also related that some time during the late fall of 1934, possibly around Christmas, Gibson came to the Casino Club one night around 10:00 or 11:00 and sent an unknown man into the Club; that he went out to see Slim and Slim wanted \$2500.00; that he told Slim he didn't have the money, at which time he departed; that Slim came back around 2:00 A.M., alone, and took him in his car to a lonely point in Bay View and told him that there was no use stalling, that the mob knew he had money, and that he knew about men being found in ditches around Chicago; that Slim kept him in his car until 9:00 A.M. the following morning and then drove him to the Ohio Savings Bank in Toledo, where he withdrew \$2500.00 from a safety deposit box and gave it to Slim. Roscoe advised that the safety deposit box in question is rented in the name of Mrs. Phyllis Broadway, Mrs. Ganey Broadway, and Joseph Roscoe.

Roscoe also related an instance concerning Slim Gibson having heard that there were several G-men located in a house in Point Place, Ohio, in connection with a telephone tap being maintained on the Casino Club. He said Gibson got drunk and wanted to get four or five cases of dynamite and blow the house and Agents into the lake. He said that the Angus brothers, Karpis and he were present with Gibson at the time and kept him from carrying out his purpose by saying that if he went through with his plan he would only get everybody in jail and might possibly cause the entire city to be placed under martial law.

(It is to be recalled that during the fall of 1934, as will be found in reports not in possession of this office, that a number of Agents were located in a house at Point Place, Ohio, in connection with a telephone tap on the Casino Club.)

#### BENSON GROVES -

Roscoe states he has known Benson Groves for possibly twenty years or more, and has always spoken of him by the name "Old Ben". He said he never knew Old Ben to work, and advised that he knew the man had served several terms for Post Office robberies. He advised that Old Ben is a very intimate friend of "Tip" O'Neil. He stated that Old Ben was with Karpis, Campbell, Hunter, Zetzer, himself and an unknown individual (John Brock) at Zetzer's Garage in Port Clinton, Ohio, on the night the proceeds of the Garrettsville mail robbery were divided, and that Old Ben and Campbell left the garage in his, Roscoe's car and were dropped out at a point near the armory in Port Clinton.

Roscoe stated that Old Ben frequented Edith Barry's house of prostitution in Toledo, and he believes he has seen him at this point with Karpis, and possibly one other member of the mob. He stated that during the summer of 1936 Old Ben hung around the 42nd Street Cafe in Toledo, and that he used to drink a lot of beer at this place. He left Toledo in about August, 1936, and stated he was going to Detroit, Michigan. He also advised that following the Garrettsville mail robbery he sent Old Ben down to Ed McGraw's house in Toledo at the request of Harry Campbell. Roscoe stated that Old Ben used to be a good friend of Johnny Regan, now deceased, who used to operate a large gambling establishment in Detroit. Roscoe also advised that about October, 1936, a Toledo crap dealer, known as Whitey, advised him that he saw Old Ben in Canton, Ohio, at a gambling place which used to be operated by one Jim "Jumbo" Crowley. Roscoe stated that he knew Crowley, but had not been in Canton for possibly ten years.

Roscoe also advised that one "Whitey" Mason, aged about fifty years (not the Whitey referred to above), who is employed as a doorman at Harry Levine's gambling place in Toledo, next door to the Commodore Perry Hotel, is well acquainted with Old Ben and should know where he is at the present time.

It was also ascertained from Roscoe that one "Slim" Martin, an old "soup" man who hangs around the Navarre Hotel in Toledo, is well acquainted with Old Ben, and that in about 1931 when Old Ben was last sentenced to the penitentiary for Post Office robbery, Old Ben got in touch with him, Roscoe, by letter, and asked that he secure his clothes and trunk from the place where he had been living in Toledo. He stated that he sent Slim Martin to the house where Old Ben had been living but that the woman who operated this house refused to let him have the clothes. Roscoe seemed to remember that the house where Old Ben had been living was located on 19th Street in Toledo.

#### OLLIE BERG -

Roscoe identified the photograph of Ollie Berg as an individual whom he had seen at the Casino Club in company with Slim Gibson, "Doc" Barker and Jimmie Wilson. He stated he never met him, nor knew his name, but has referred to him in conversation as the "Jew". Roscoe stated that Berg just seemed to be hanging around at the Casino Club, and that while he was there he did not get the impression that he was connected with the outfit.

JAMES J. WILSON -

Roscoe said he met this individual as Jimmie Wilson in the spring of 1934 at the Casino Club, where Wilson used to be seen frequently with Slim Gibson, Ollie Berg, Doc Barker and Slim Harrison. He said Wilson was drunk practically every night, and that he used to be very popular with the female hangers-on at the Casino Club. Roscoe recalled that he saw Jimmie Wilson at Middle Island on one occasion when he, Roscoe, was there for a very short time. He stated that Bert Angus was running the Island at the time he saw Wilson there. In this connection, he stated that two men named Buster Williams and Dewey Smith worked for Bert Angus at the Island during this period; that when he saw Wilson at the Island there were several other members of the mob with him but he could not remember their identity.

WILLIE HARRISON -

He stated he met Harrison as Willie Harrison during prohibition days when Harrison and Bert Angus operated a saloon in Calumet, Illinois. He stated that on several occasions he loaned Harrison money to buy loads of whiskey. He said that Harrison has visited in Toledo during the past twenty years, where he frequented night clubs and bootlegging joints, and that he was very well known in Toledo. He stated that Harrison used to spend a great deal of time at the Jovial Club when he came to Toledo; that in the Spring of 1934 Harrison introduced the other members of the Barker-Karpis mob to Roscoe; that during the period when these individuals were met Harrison, while drunk, told him that "The boys are the hottest mob in the country". Roscoe stated that Harrison was about as well acquainted in Cleveland as he was in Toledo, and that he knew most of the persons connected with the operation of the Harvard Club.

In response to questions, Roscoe stated that the only conversation concerning this mob which he had with anyone connected with the Harvard Club was during a visit to the place when "Shimmy" Patten pointed out several men sitting near the place in a car and stated that these men were hanging around the place and did not look good to him. Roscoe fixed the time of this incident as sometime during the summer or fall of 1935. Roscoe said he looked at the men to whom Patten referred and noticed that they were Karpis, Campbell and Hunter, and that the only thing he said to Patten at this time was that they were the same bunch who had been hanging around the Casino Club. He advised that the boys were alone at this time and that he did not see anyone in conversation

with them. He also stated that he did not say anything to Patten as to their identity, although he knew who they were at the time.

JOHN F. GORMAN -

Roscoe stated he has known this individual for possibly ten years, or more, as "Sharkey" Gorman, and that during this period Sharkey had been working for Shimmy Patten in the bootlegging and gambling rackets. During the past several years he has been employed as a doorman at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio. Roscoe stated he has seen Sharkey in Toledo on numerous occasions at Edith Barry's house and the Jovial Club, and at Ed McGraw's place; that some of the mob may have been with him on occasions, although he could not recall but the one instance, namely: an occasion during 1935 when Karpis and Hunter were with Sharkey at Edith Barry's house. Roscoe also stated that he has seen Sharkey on one occasion at the saloon operated by Paddy Kilbane at 28th and Detroit Streets in Cleveland; that on this occasion he distinctly recalled that Karpis was with Sharkey, but he does not remember having seen any other members of the mob with Sharkey at this saloon. Roscoe was positive he had never talked with Sharkey about any members of this mob. Roscoe also stated that on numerous occasions Sharkey has come to the Jovial Club to secure dealers to work at the Harvard Club.

JOHN ZETZER -

Roscoe stated he has known Zetzer for years, during which period he has operated the Marine Garage in Port Clinton, Ohio. He stated Zetzer has been doing work on speed boat motors for him for possibly eight or nine years. He said Zetzer and his brother, Joe Zetzer, used to haul whiskey from Middle Island and Amherstberg, Canada, to Ohio points, and he believes they have both served Federal sentences for prohibition violations. He related that some time in November, 1935, he went to Zetzer's garage in Port Clinton as a result of a telephone call from Zetzer saying that he wanted to see him about something important about 8:00 P.M. that night. He said he received the call during the afternoon at the Jovial Club, and that same was not a collect call. Roscoe advised he had a Liberty speedboat motor in the garage at the time and he presumed the call was in connection with the work being done on the motor. He advised that when he arrived at the garage he was admitted by John Zetzer, and found Karpis, Campbell, Hunter, Groves,



and a tall man whom he did not know, standing around a stove near the office, which was red hot from heat. He said the only light in the garage was in Zetzer's office. He advised he did not see anything being burned in the stove, nor did he see any mail bags. He advised he was only in the office a few minutes, and that while there Karpis handed him a package and told him it contained some money which he owed him. He stated that he took the package and threw it into his car and shortly thereafter left the garage, taking Campbell and Groves with him to a point near the armory in Port Clinton, where they got out telling him they were going to get their own car. Roscoe claimed that during this visit Zetzer told him that he needed a new bearing for the speedboat motor.

Roscoe stated that he opened the package which Karpis had given him the next morning and found \$1,000.00 in \$1.00 bills, and that on the same morning he deposited a portion of this money in his checking account at the Toledo Trust Company. He advised that on the same morning he read in the newspapers of the Garrettsville mail robbery and presumed that the money he had received was a portion of the loot from this robbery.

Roscoe said he saw Zetzer several times between the date of his above visit to the garage and the following spring, all of which contacts were in connection with work on his speedboat motor. He said that on one occasion Zetzer told him that the Government took him to Cleveland and questioned him in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery, and that it looked like he, Roscoe, was going to be "put in" for accepting the money.

#### HARRY CAMPBELL -

Roscoe stated he met Harry Campbell during the spring of 1934 and always knew him as Buff. He stated Buff had a girl named Wynona, but that he did not know where either Campbell or the girl were living at any time. He said that when he first became acquainted with Buff he was hanging around the Casino Club and he probably met him through Willie Harrison. He stated that Buff left Toledo in the summer of 1934 and that he did not see him again until cold weather in the early part of 1935, which was shortly after he and Karpis escaped from Atlantic City. He advised that at this time he knew of Campbell's true identity, and of the fact that he was wanted for the Bremer kidnaping inasmuch as he had seen photographs of Campbell, Karpis, the Barkers, and others, in

newspapers and detective magazines and had recognized them. He recalled one occasion in the spring of 1935 when Hunter came to the Jovial Club and said a party wanted to see him; that on this occasion he went with Hunter to a point near the Empire Apartment at 14th and Jackson Streets in Toledo and met Campbell and, at his request, loaned him \$500. with which to buy a Ford coupe. He also recalled that on one occasion, which he thought to be in 1934, Frank Greenwold, a Toledo cab driver, came to the Jovial Club and told him a party wanted to see him at the Casino Club, and that when he reached the Casino Club the party in question was Campbell.

Roscoe said that on at least a half dozen occasions he received telephone calls or visits from Fred Hunter or Sam Coker and was advised that a party wanted to see him and that when he went to the requested place, which was either Edith Barry's house or Ed McGraw's place, the party who wanted to see him was Campbell; that during these contacts Campbell would want information about Benson Groves or would ask if he, Roscoe, had been around the Harvard Club in Cleveland, and he would mention the names of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patten, Tony Amersbach and Sharkey Gorman. He said he supposed the main purpose of Campbell wanting to see him was to find out what was going on. He advised that at McGraw's place he would talk with Campbell in the front room, while at the Barry house he would usually talk with him in the dining room, but on several occasions - possibly two or three times, he talked with him in the front upstairs bedroom.

Roscoe, in response to questions, advised that he did not know Fred and Catherine Goulet, and had never been to their place of business. He stated that he did not know anything as to Campbell being acquainted with Sheriff O'Reilly.

WYMONA BURDETTE -

Roscoe stated he met her in the spring of 1934 at the Casino Club in Toledo and knew her as Harry Campbell's woman. He said she knocked around the club with Campbell, Willie Harrison, Jimmie Wilson, and also two or three other women who seemed to be connected with the mob but whom he could not remember. He advised that this girl used to drink heavily. He claimed he did not know where she and Campbell were living. Roscoe seemed to recall that on one occasion the whole mob was at the 42nd Street Cafe one night, drinking Scotch whiskey, and that Wymona Burdette was present on this occasion.

TONY AMERSEACH -

Roscoe stated he has been acquainted with Tony since the opening of the Harvard Club in Cleveland, and that Tony has always been employed as a doorman at the Harvard Club. He said he had heard that Tony was an ex-convict. He also remarked that he had heard Harry Campbell mention Tony's name. He advised that he had seen Tony at Paddy Kilbane's saloon in Cleveland a couple of times, but he could not recall any of the mob having been present on these occasions. The occasions in question were after closing hours at the Harvard Club when a number of the dealers would go to Kilbane's saloon to eat and drink.

Roscoe advised that he has only seen Tony on one occasion in Toledo, this being at the Jovial Club, and at that time Tony remarked that he was going to Detroit to see if he could do something about getting his brother out of the Marquette prison. He stated that he did not recall Tony ever having come to the Jovial Club for the purpose of getting dealers to work at the Harvard Club.

ARTHUR R. BARKER -

Roscoe said he met this individual in the spring of 1934 at the Casino Club with the rest of the mob, and that he associated mostly with Slim Gibson and Ollie Berg. He only heard him referred to by the name of "Doc". He said that "Doc" never had anything to say. He advised that he knew "Doc" was "hot" and connected with the mob from remarks made to him by Willie Harrison, Old Chuck Fitzgerald and Bert and Ted Angus, but he didn't find out who he was and that he was wanted for the Bremer kidnapping until the fall of 1934. He advised that he never knew where "Doc" lived in Toledo, nor did he know the places of residence of any other members of the mob.

FRED BARKER -

Roscoe stated he saw Fred Barker at the Casino Club in the spring of 1934 with other members of this mob, but that he never talked with him. He did not recall having seen Fred on over three or four occasions, and he believes Fred was with Karpis at these times. He said he did not know where Fred was living in Toledo, and that he never saw him after the spring of 1934. He recalled that while Fred was hanging around the Casino Club he had his hands bandaged for a period of about a week, and he later heard that the bandages were used because of operations on his fingertips performed by Dr. Moran. Roscoe advised that in the fall of 1934 he saw Fred Barker's picture in newspapers and

magazines, and remembered having seen him with the mob at the Casino Club.

TIP O'NEIL -

Roscoe stated he has known "Tip" O'Neil for possibly twenty-five years and that he originally met him through Jimmie Hays, now deceased, of Toledo. He says he knows that O'Neil has served several terms in penitentiaries for Post Office robberies. The only work he has ever known him to do was the operation of a saloon in about 1914 or 1915 in Lorain, Ohio. He advised that O'Neil spends most of his time drinking and gambling, and that he believes he is interested financially in the Harvard Club. He described O'Neil as a good friend of both Shimmy Patten and Old Ben Groves, and said he thought Old Ben and O'Neil had served time together. He said he never saw O'Neil with any of this mob. He advised that when Edith Barry first came to Toledo that O'Neil used to run around with her and she was generally regarded as his girl friend. He stated that if anybody in the country knows of the present location of Benson Groves it would be "Tip" O'Neil.

SHIMMY PATTEN -

Roscoe stated he has been acquainted with Patten for about twenty-five years, during which period Patten has been engaged in the bootlegging and gambling business in Cleveland. At the present time he is one of the operators of the Harvard Club. He is a Cleveland man. Roscoe said he never saw Patten with any of the members of this mob, and the only incident concerning him, so far as this mob is concerned, is the conversation had with Patten sometime in 1935 at the Harvard Club while Karpis, Campbell and Hunter were parked in a car outside of the Club. He advised that years ago Patten would have made a good prize fighter as he is as strong as a bull and is very adept with his fists. He related an incident which occurred during prohibition days at a 25th Street saloon in Cleveland operated by Patten when four prohibition agents and Cleveland police officers attempted to arrest Patten. He said he was in the saloon at the time and that Patten threw all four officers out of the place and was not arrested until a riot crew came and clubbed him into submission.

ART HEBEBRAND -

Roscoe stated he has known Hebebrand for possibly ten or twelve years and that he met him through Shimmy Patten. He stated that Hebebrand is one of the operators of the Harvard Club at the present time but that

when he first met him he was in the real estate business in Cleveland. He said he has had no conversations with Hebebrand concerning this mob, and that the only person connected with the mob whom he has seen Hebebrand with is Fred Hunter, and the occasion was during the summer of 1935 when he saw Hebebrand talking with Hunter in front of the Harvard Club.

SAM COKER -

Roscoe stated he became acquainted with this individual during the fall of 1935 in Toledo, through Harry Campbell, and that the introduction took place either at Edith Barry's house or Ed McGraw's place. He knew the man as Tommy Pratt, and described him as having a mouth full of gold teeth. He said that after meeting Coker he saw him on a number of occasions at the Jovial Club, McGraw's place and Edith Barry's house. He advised that Coker used to make contacts with him for Harry Campbell, and that during the time he knew Coker, Campbell never told him who the man was and that his first information as to his being connected with this mob was obtained through newspapers after his arrest. Roscoe stated he never knew where Coker lived. He stated that on one occasion he saw him at McGraw's place in company with Campbell, Groves and Karpis, and that on this occasion Campbell and Karpis wanted to make a trip to Canada. He believed the time of this incident to be in about September, 1935. Roscoe said he had no knowledge of Coker being acquainted with Sheriff O'Reilly, of Toledo.

FRED HUNTER -

Roscoe stated he met Hunter as Fred Hunter in front of the Harvard Club in Cleveland, Ohio, sometime in 1935, through Karpis, and that on this occasion Karpis and Hunter were with some old man from Oklahoma. Roscoe did not know the name of the old man in question, but described him as being about fifty years of age, 5' 8" in height, weighing about 170 pounds, and as having broad shoulders. Roscoe said he has also seen Hunter at Kilbane's saloon on 28th and Detroit Streets, Cleveland, with various employees of the Harvard Club, and also alone. He advised that he has seen him at numerous times in Toledo, Ohio, most of the occasions being when Hunter came to the Jovial Club to get him to go to see Karpis at either Edith Barry's house or Ed McGraw's place.

COOLIE MONROE -

Roscoe stated he has known Coolie Monroe for some time. He advised that in the spring of 1934 Monroe was working at the Casino Club

for the Angus brothers as a bar tender, and that he also did the repair work around the new club. He stated that Monroe is a Canadian citizen and used to run whiskey out of Kingsville, Ontario into Sandusky and Cleveland, Ohio. He advised that Monroe did carpenter work for a contractor at Middle Island during the summer of 1936 and is believed to be working for the same contractor presently at either Kingsville or Leamington, Ontario. He stated that Monroe's family are located somewhere in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

With respect to this mob, Roscoe advised that Monroe is bound to be acquainted with all of them, and must have known of their true identities because of his contact with them and the Angus brothers and Willie Harrison at the Casino Club in 1934.

The following photographs connected with this entire investigation were shown to Roscoe but he advised he had never seen these individuals so far as he knew and could not identify the photographs:

Doctor Moran  
 Bill Weaver  
 Belle Born  
 Volney Davis  
 Gladys Sawyer  
 Harry Sawyer  
 Paula Harmon  
 Charles Carroll  
 Ryan Bolton  
 Joe Adams  
 Dolores Delaney  
 Cassius McDonald  
 John Brock (Two photographs)  
 Milton Lett.

With respect to Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Roscoe stated that sometime in 1934, which he believed to be in about September, he received either a telephone call or a visit at the Jovial Club requesting that he come to the Casino Club. He said that upon arriving there he found Harry Campbell reading a newspaper and that he pointed to an article which referred to the finding of an unidentified body on the outskirts of Toledo, and stated: "That's the son-of-a-bitch". Roscoe stated that sometime during the summer of 1936 he saw newspaper articles in Toledo referring to Dr. Moran having performed operations on the fingertips of Fred Barker and others, that he remembered the bandages which Fred Barker had worn on his hands during the spring of 1934, and for that reason figured that when Campbell referred

to the newspaper article concerning the unidentified dead man as he did that the dead man in question might have been Dr. Moran.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 3, 1936, pages 62 to 70, inclusive, where mention is made of the finding of a dead man's body in Toledo on September 3, 1934. It was indicated that the body in question was badly decomposed. It was also indicated that there had been some recent newspaper publicity in connection with this same body. The investigation indicated that the body in question answered somewhat generally the description of Dr. Moran. It is the recollection of the writer, from previous investigations, that Dr. Joseph P. Moran allegedly had in his chest a small piece of shrapnel of the approximate size of a green pea. If there is a possibility of the body in question being that of Dr. Moran it is believed that an exhumation and complete autopsy would result in the finding of the piece of shrapnel. This matter is being covered in a separate communication to the Bureau.

During conversations with Joe Roscoe mention has been made of Captain George Timiney and Detective Art Langendorf of the Toledo Police Department. Roscoe would not say anything of a derogatory nature concerning either of these officers, but did advise they were both good friends of his and that he frequently went on fishing trips with Langendorf; further, that both officers hung out from time to time at the 42nd Street Cafe.

Roscoe advised that he was born in Genoa, Italy, and came to the United States in about 1904, when fifteen years of age, with his mother, Antoinette Rosasco, through the Port of New York. His father, Louis Rosasco, had already emigrated and was located in Cleveland, Ohio. His father operated a saloon in Cleveland until his death in about 1920. His mother died in 1916. He advised that he attended St. Johns Parochial School in Cleveland, Ohio, through the eighth grade. He served fourteen months of an indeterminate sentence at the Ohio Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, in about 1915 on a charge of receiving stolen property. Roscoe advised that he went to Toledo, Ohio, after his release from the Ohio Reformatory and worked on freight steamers during the summers and in factories during the winters for possibly three or four years.

At about this time he opened two cigar stores in Toledo, in which he operated "books" with Mike "Babe" Johnson as a partner, and he stayed in business with Johnson until the time of the Dempsey-Willard fight, at which time he opened a place of his own in Point Place, Ohio.

known as the Golf Links Athletic Club, where he ran a gambling joint. He advised that during prohibition he operated in whiskey at Middle Island in the Canadian waters of Lake Erie, and sold whiskey on a wholesale basis to bootleggers for importation to the United States.

Roscoe stated that he now is part operator of the Jovial Club, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, where gambling is run in conjunction with a restaurant; and that he is also connected with the 42nd Street Cafe. He was formerly in partnership with Jimmie Hays at the Jovial Club. He operates the 42nd Street Cafe with his father-in-law, John Broadway, on a partnership basis. He stated the ownership of the Jovial Club is split up in fifths; that he owns one-fifth; Mrs. Jimmie Hays has one-fifth; Ed Warneke has one-fifth; Joe Morrissey has one-fifth; while the other fifth is cut up between three floormen at the Club named Hack, Simoff and Fay.

In response to questions, Roscoe advised that he could possibly raise between twenty and thirty thousand dollars in cash at the present time through cash which he has in safety deposit boxes, bank accounts and brokerage accounts. He advised that he has real estate, unincumbered, with a market value of between ninety and one hundred thousand dollars.

The following is a description of Roscoe, obtained from personal observation and furnished by him:

Name	Joseph Roscoe, nee Rosasco
Age	48 years (Born 8/26/89, Genoa, Italy)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	200 pounds
Build	Heavy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black - Wavy - Parted on left side.
Race	White
Marital Status	Married in 1916, Toledo, Ohio.
Religion	Catholic
Fingerprints	FBI, Miami, Fla., forwarded Bureau 1/23/37.
Photograph	FBI, Miami, Fla.
Criminal Record	Ohio Reformatory, Mansfield, O., about 1915, indeterminate sentence, charge receiving stolen property, served 14 months.



In addition to the voluntary statement that he was remaining in the Miami Field Division of his own volition, and the voluntary waiver of removal furnished by Roscoe, a signed statement was obtained from him on the late afternoon of January 26, 1937, stating that he had remained in custody at the Miami Field Division from January 23, to January, 26, 1937, voluntarily.

On the afternoon of January 26, 1937, in accordance with telephonic instructions of Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau, communication was had with Post Office Inspector B. E. Clark, at Miami, and as a result of this contact Roscoe was delivered to the United States Marshal's office, Miami, to Deputy Frank Edwards, at 5:50 P.M. on January 26, 1937. Roscoe's property was delivered to him at the office of the United States Marshal, Miami, on January 27, 1937, and a receipt for same is being retained in this file.

A log covering Roscoe's treatment while in custody at this Division was maintained, and is being made a part of this file.

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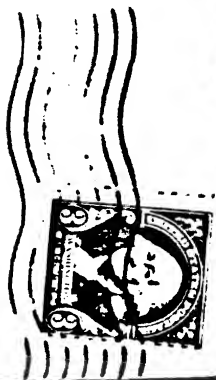
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